

Town of Winchester - City of Winsted  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 7:00 PM

2nd Floor, The Blue Room

COMMISSION

Dennis Dressel, Chairman

Deweese Yeager, Vice Chairman

Jim Welton, Treasurer

Jessica Tessman, Secretary

Alan Colavecchio

Jill Fourie

Gary Giordano

David Sartirana, Alternate

Joshua Kelly, Town Manager

Jack Borque, BOS Liaison

Linda Groppo, BOS Liaison

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Called to order at 7:03 pm by Dennis Dressel. At the meeting were Dennis Dressel, Dewees Yeager, Jim Welton, Gary Giordano, Alan Colavecchio, Jill Fourie, David Sartirana, with guest Kevin O'Connell.
2. Agenda Review - Motion to approve agenda by Alan Colavecchio, second by Jim Welton. Voted 6-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: June 15, 2021, Minutes edited to include Jill Fourie as being in attendance. Motion to approve amended minutes by Dewees Yeager, as written, second by Jim Welton. Voted 6-0.
4. Treasurer's Report

New business cards for all Commissioners with "Top Ten Reasons To Love Winsted" on the back, have been ordered. New EDC logo shirts will be ready soon. \$1,000.00 annual membership fee to CT Main Street was processed, leaving the current budget at \$3,700.

5. New Business

- a) What's happening in town ?

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held tomorrow July 7th at 5 pm for Stylee Studio LLC at 10 Bridge Street, Ste 23. On Thursday July 8, there is a 5 pm "Freedom of Information" meeting at Town Hall. David has

connected with the Railway Cafe and a ribbon cutting has been set up for Thursday 7/29 at 2 pm. Jim spoke to Tony and set up a ribbon cutting ceremony for Laurel Lanes for Wednesday 7/21 @ 4 pm. Dewey contacted Robbin at Dillon's Pellet & Stove, 920 Main Street and a ribbon cutting is being planned for late August or early September.

- b) Dennis and Alan will be attending a Consultant's Strategic Planning Meeting at American Mural on Monday July 12.

5. Communications - None reported

6. Old Business

- a) Dennis to all Commissioners: Follow through on your Goals FY 2021 - 2022 assignments.
- b) Dennis spoke with Sandy Conforti at NW Commercial Bank and Amy Wynn at American Mural and the Business Event planned for last spring is back on for sometime this Fall. He will pinpoint a date.
- c) Dewey & Gary met with the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board and also AdvanceCt as they continue to work on how best to provide useful information for Winsted Manufacturers now and going forward. Jim: When ready, bring in a local business rep for content evaluation and ideas. Kevin: Consider doing a poll.
- d) Business Visitation: Dewey attended and Jess spotlighted on Facebook, ECAD's Graduation Ceremony at 149 Newfield Road. Dale & Lu Picard run a very impressive non profit business providing guide dogs for the disabled. Dewey: I will update the Business Visitation lists to include new Commissioners.
- e) Jim mentioned that the next "Breakfast Meeting" event will be for the Food/Restaurant sector and that we'd be looking for a convenient time slot such as 3 pm on a Monday sometime early to mid Fall to accommodate.
- f) Dennis will speak with Michael Rooke at NWCTCC re getting an intern to help us. Dewey: We used to have a calendar of events that listed upcoming events and dates but it got tabled when Covid hit, we'll look into getting it going again as our schedule is becoming very busy.

7. Adjournment - 7:58 pm motion by Gary Giordano, second by Allen Colavecchio. Voted 6-0.