

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

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 7:00 PM

The Blue Room

COMMISSIONERS

Deweese Yeager, Chairman

Dennis Dressel, Vice Chair

Jessica Tessman, Secretary

Gary Giordano, Treasurer

Alan Colavecchio, Commissioner

Shayne Deschamps, Commissioner

Joseph Santoro, Commissioner

John Wiarda, Alternate

David Sartirana, Alternate

Joshua Kelly, Town Manager

Linda Groppo, BOS Liaison

Ted Shafer, Director of Economic Development

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Called to order at 7:07 pm by Dewees Yeager. At the meeting were Dewees Yeager, Shayne Deschamps, Gary Giordano, Dennis Dressel, Alan Colavecchio, Joseph Santoro, and John Wiarda.
2. Agenda Review – Motion to approve agenda by, Joseph Santoro, seconded by Alan Colavecchio. 7-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: March 21, 2023. Motion to approve the previous minutes by Dennis Dressel, seconded by Shayne Deschamps. Voted 7-0.
4. Public Comment – None reported.
5. Treasurer’s Report
 - a) There is \$6,500 remaining after the Constant Contact Payment and Avery Labels.
 - b) Dewees discussed the Treasurer Role with Josh.
6. New Business
 - a) EDC Spring Event
 - Chris Murphy will arrive at the Town Hall at 4:00 PM to meet with Josh.
 - Event Lineup
 - Dewees will open the event, NWCB (our event sponsor) will be speaking second, and lastly, the senator will be introduced.
 - The NWCB will be at the main entrance. The Gilson will provide beverages and food.
 - Commissioners should arrive at 3:30pm.

- c) What's Happening in Town?
 - a. The Sustainable CT Application was submitted.
 - b. Dennis and Dewees advocated for the EDC Director Position at the 4/3 Selectman Meeting.
 - c. Rooted Market is selling Noujaim's products.
- d) Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
 - a. Fairchild: May 12 at 3:00 PM.
 - b. Mad River Music tentative date: 4/9, time to be determined.
 - c. Curious Cat Bookshop, Earthbound Yoga (Shannon), Gianni's Deli (Gary), MEI Tea (Jess).
- e) Officer Election
 - a) The Winchester Economic Development Commission votes to keep the following officers in their current positions.

Dewees Yeager, Chairman
Dennis Dressel, Vice Chair
Jessica Tessman, Secretary
Gary Giordano, Treasurer

Motion to approve Officer Election nominees by, Shayne Deschamps, seconded by Joseph Santoro. 7-0.

- 7. Communications:
 - a. Howmet Aerospace seeks to increase their employees from 120 to 180.
- 8. Old Business
 - a) Winsted Manufacturers Breakfast Meeting
 - NWCC has a meeting scheduled on May 19 at 7:15 am. We will be collaborating in Draper Hall.
 - b) Website Updates and Social Media
 - No new information to report.
 - c) 2023 Job Fair – October 11 Tentative Date
 - Shayne met with Patrick Brintle from The Gilbert School regarding outreach to students who will be graduating and job seeking.
 - Location: The Gilbert School, gymnasium.
 - d) EDC Social Media: Business visits/spotlights.
 - Noujaims, Rooted Market and R&B's Sports World.
- 9. Adjournment – 8:21 pm motion by Shayne Deschamps, seconded by Gary Giordano. Voted 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shayne Deschamps