

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

Tuesday, April 18, 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

Shannon Centrella, 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 7:04 pm by Dewees Yeager. At the meeting were Dewees Yeager, Shayne Deschamps, Dennis Dressel, Alan Colavecchio, John Wiarda and guest Linda Groppo.
2. Agenda Review – Motion to approve agenda by, Dennis Dressel, seconded by Shayne Deschamps. 5-0.
3. The EDC proposes an amendment to the April 4, 2023 minutes. “The Winchester Economic Development Commission nominates to keep the following officers in their positions...” and adjustment to Howmet’s number of employees: 130.

Approval of Amended Minutes of Previous Meeting: April 4, 2023. Motion to approve the amended minutes by Alan Colavecchio, seconded by Dennis Dressel. Voted 5-0.

4. Public Comment – None reported.
5. New Business

a) 2023/2024 EDC Officer Nominations/Elections

- The Winchester Economic Development Commission nominates to keep the following officers in their current positions.

Deweese Yeager, Chairman

Dennis Dressel, Vice Chair

Jessica Tessman, Secretary

Gary Giordano, Treasurer

b) Spring Business Event at the Gilson

- a. Chris Murphy arrived around 4:00 PM and was given a tour of the Public Works Facility.
- b. The event was a success – Constant Contact needs to be upgraded.

- c) What's Happening in Town?
  - a. 10 Bridge Street, Brownfield grant is submitted.
  - b. The next step is working on the Marketing brand with Josh.
  - c. Dewees and Shannon will attend the Friends of Main Street meeting tomorrow (4/19).
  - d. Alan Colavecchio will attend the Friends of Main Street cleanup with Linda. The EDC will spotlight the cleanup on social media.
- d) Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
  - a. Fairchild: May 12 at 3:00 PM.
  - b. Mad River Music tentative date: 4/26 at 1:30pm.
  - c. Shayne and Gary will follow up with Gianni's Deli.
  - d. Curious Cat Bookshop, Earthbound Yoga (Shannon), MEI Tea (Jess).
- 6. Communications:
  - a. None.
- 7. Old Business
  - a) Winsted Manufacturers Breakfast Meeting
    - Held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Draper Center at 7:30 AM.
    - Newsletter will be sent via Constant Contact.
  - b) Welcome to Winsted Sign (from West)
    - The EDC will discuss funding at a future meeting. The application to the rotary for funding was denied.
  - c) 2023 Job Fair – October 11 Tentative Date
    - Awaiting a response from Greg Shugrue.
    - Location: The Gilbert School, gymnasium.
  - d) EDC Social Media: Business visits/spotlights.
    - R&B's Sports World (Shayne and Jess) will be spotlighted once laser tag is finalized.
- 8. Adjournment – 8:20 pm motion by Shayne Deschamps, seconded by Alan Colavecchio. Voted 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shayne Deschamps