

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7:00 PM

The Blue Room

COMMISSIONERS

Dewees Yeager, Chairman

Dennis Dressel, Vice Chair

Jessica Tessman, Secretary

Gary Giordano, Treasurer

Alan Colavecchio, Commissioner

Shayne Deschamps, Commissioner

Joseph Santoro, Commissioner

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 7:03 pm by Dennis Dressel. At the meeting were Dennis Dressel, Jessica Tessman, Alan Colavecchio, Gary Giordano, Shannon Centrella and guests Ted Shafer, Linda Groppo, Joshua Kelly and David Sartirana.
2. Agenda Review –Motion to approve agenda by, Alan Colavecchio, seconded by Gary Giordano. 5-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: September 5, 2023. Motion to approve the previous minutes by Gary Giordano, seconded Alan Colavecchio. Voted 5-0.
4. Public Comment – Congratulations to Josh for his new endeavors.
5. New Business
 - a) Updates from Josh Kelly:
What's happening in Town?
 - a. Welcome to Winsted Sign - Josh will follow up with Jim Rollins.
 - i. For Sale: 47 Orchard and Mountainside drive.
 - ii. Discussion: 508 Main Street and 10 Bridge Street.
 - iii. Cultural District: The Board of Selectmen was presented with an ordinance that includes adding a Cultural District Commission.
 - iv. Façade and Business Start Up: There is an available balance due to a project not coming to fruition.
 - v. Marketing and Logo Re-design: The EDC is recommended to visit the Board of Selectmen regarding a marketing design. There are funds available from the Building Healthier Communities fund.
 - vi. First Time Home Buyers Seminar – October 11, 2023.
 - b) Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
 - a. Home and Cake Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a success!
 - b. Curious Cat Bookshop on Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 am.

- c. Lisabeth Confections, October 1st at 2:00 pm.
- 6. Communications: No communications reported.
- 7. Old Business
 - a) 2023 Job Fair
 - Date: October 11, 2023.
 - Registrations: 15 confirmed.
 - Location: The Gilbert School, gymnasium.
 - NWCT Transit – Ted is working to try and provide transportation to the Job Fair.
 - Social Media/Marketing push for Job Fair.
 - LinkedIn – Job Postings.
 - b) Fall Festival – September 30, 2023
 - Shayne, Dennis, Ted, Josh, Shannon – Setup.
 - Jess will coordinate with Dennis.
 - c) Manufacturers Event – October 20th at NCCC.
 - a. The EDC will be participants at this event.
 - d) EDC Social Media
 - a. Spotlights: Alexa can help with posting.
- 8. Adjournment – 8:11 pm motion by Shannon Centrella, seconded by Gary Giordano. Voted 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Tessman