Town of Winchester - City of Winsted  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 7:00 PM  
2nd Floor, The Blue Room  
COMMISSION  
Dewees Yeager, Chairman  
Dennis Dressel, Vice Chairman  
Gary Giordano, Treasurer  
Jessica Tessman, Secretary  
Alan Colavecchio, Commissioner  
Joseph Santoro, Commissioner  
Carrie Stetson, Commissioner  
Thomas Carter, Alternate  
TOWN OFFICIALS  
Paul Harrington, Town Manager  
Althea Candy Perez, BOS Liaison  
Ted Shafer, Director of Economic Development

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Called to order at 7:00 pm by Dewees Yeager. At the meeting were Dewees Yeager, Dennis Dressel, Jessica Tessman, Alan Colavecchio, Joseph Santoro, Gary Giordano, Carrie Stetson, Thomas Carter, and guests David Olchowski, Lance Hansen, and Ted Shafer.

2. Agenda Review - Motion to approve agenda by Gary Giordano, seconded by Jess Tessman. Voted 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings - Motion to approve minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting. Carrie Stetson makes a motion to approve minutes; Alan Colavecchio seconded. Voted 6-0-1.


5. Treasurer’s Report - The available balance is $6,291.33.

6. New Business

What’s Happening in Town?

- Lance Hansen Updates: 137 Torrington Road, East Lake property.
- Laurel Festival event on Friday, May 17.
- May 4th Family Bicycle Rally - sponsored by FitTogether, Hartford Healthcare.
- A new restaurant is opening at 8 South Main Street - Shah’s Halal Food.
7. EDC Officer 2024/2025 Elections:

The nominations are as follows: Chairman: Dewees Yeager, Vice Chairman: Thomas Carter, Treasurer: Gary Giordano, Secretary: Jess Tessman.

- Motion to approve the EDC Officer 2024/2025 Nominees. Dennis Dressel makes a motion to approve the slate; Gary Giordano seconded. Voted 7-0.

- Upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies - Winsted Wines & Spirits, 5/9, 11 am. Peacock’s and Lilacs, 6/1, 11:00 am, Railway Cafe, 5/25, 2pm.

Awaiting: Earthbound Yoga, Grantville Farm, Mei Tea, Mr. Coconut, Northwest Soup & Sandwich, Papa’s Deli & Grocery LLC, Toby’s Peruvian Restaurant.

8. Communications - None reported.

9. Old Business

- Spring Event Rehash
  - Suggestions: more business attendees, Constant Contact bounced emails.
  - Pros: Great energy, communicative.

- Welcome to Winsted Sign/s
  - New location update and Woman of Winsted (WOW) will be overseeing beautification efforts for all three Welcome to Winsted signs.

- Job Fair
  - Location: American Mural Project. Date: Thursday, September 26th, 2024.
  - Zoom Meeting Potential Date: May 21, 2024.

- Winchester Business Park Subcommittee
  - Main Town Webpage: GIS. Dewees and Gary visited.

- EDC Social Media / Business Mastersheet
  - Electronic Scrapbook Idea; Dewees and Jess met with Alexa, Alexa will be creating a social media calendar to assist with social media.

7. Adjournment

- Adjournment - 8:52 pm motion by Dennis Dressel, seconded by Joseph Santoro. Voted 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Tessman