

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

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7:00 PM

Conference Call

COMMISSION

Dennis Dressel, Chairman

Deweese Yeager, Vice Chairman

Jim Welton, Treasurer

Jessica Tessman, Secretary

Gary Giordano

David Sartirana

Bob Geiger, Town Manager

Jack Borque, BOS Liaison

Linda Groppo, BOS Liaison

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Called to order at 7:02 pm by Dennis Dressel. At the meeting was Dennis Dressel, Deweese Yeager, Jessica Tessman, Gary Giordano, Guest Jill Fourie and Linda Groppo.
2. Agenda Review – Motion to approve amended agenda by, Deweese Yeager, second by Gary Giordano. Voted 4-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 19, 2021, motion to approve by Gary Giordano as written, second by Deweese Yeager. Voted 4-0.
4. Treasurer's Report – Checks were requested from Town Hall for the storefront contest.
5. New Business

What's happening in Town?;

- a) The Hartford Healthcare opening was on January 21, 2021. They are an official emergency center and have electric car charging stations.
6. Communications:
 - a) Dennis attended the NW EDC Annual Meeting and suggested possible spotlights. Their website is Discover Litchfield Hills.

7. Old Business

- a) Business Welcome Packet: EDC Business Logo on front of folder; inside with pages that would be helpful for starting businesses in town. Dennis will collaborate with Alan C.
- b) Storefront Façade Contest Presentation of Awards: Jim is gathering the checks. Dewees spoke with the contest winners and determined the location will be at the Tributary. Possible time 3:00-4:00pm, on February, Thursday the 18th 2021. Jess will create certificates.
- c) Business Visitations: Dewees connected with Hitchcock Chair about a possible business spotlight. Dewees will visit Hitchcock Chair with Jess.
- d) Go Green Initiative Idea: Jill suggested an idea to promote businesses to go-green. EDC to promote businesses who are using biodegradable products. Suggestion for Dennis to bring this idea up at the COG. Jill will come up with a proposal.
- e) Business In The Spotlight: Hitchcock Chair.

8. Adjournment – 7:49 pm motion by Dewees Yeager, second by Gary Giordano.
Voted 4-0.