

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

Tuesday, December 15, 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 7:04 pm by Dennis Dressel. At the meeting was Dennis Dressel, Dave Sartirana, Deweese Yeager, Jim Welton, Jessica Tessman, Gary Giordano, guest Linda Groppo.
2. Agenda Review – Motion to approve amended agenda by, Jim Welton, second by Deweese Yeager. Voted 6-0.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: December 1, 2020, motion to approve by Dave Sartirana as written, second by Gary Giordano. Voted 6-0.
4. New Business
  - a) Lees Diner – Possible Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Lees Diner.
  - b) Add Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies to the EDC Website.
  - c) AdvanceCT Webinar: Information was sent out to EDC members prior to meeting. Deweese mentioned that AdvanceCT discussed programs that they are currently involved with. Additional information regarding tax credit programs, CT sales/tax exemptions. Business Owners can contact Sade, from the CT Small Business Development Center, or AdvanceCT.

What's happening in Town?;

a) Town Manager Search- The Town is still searching for a Town Manager.

5. Communications:

There are no communications.

6. Old Business

a) Business Welcome Packet: Jim will take the lead on the Welcome Packet. Dewees suggests using links/ or a condensed version for printing. Add rules/regulations to help businesses. Dennis, Gary & Cindy Donaldson will assist Jim.

b) Storefront Façade Contest: Jess will send the EDC members the photos of all the businesses who entered the contest. The EDC will decide the winner.

c) Plan of Conservation & Development: Dewees sent his comments/suggestions/recommendations regarding the plan. He focused on two chapters that related to the EDC. Dewees will forward his comments to the commissioners.

d) Business Visitation: Gary visited F&G Richards and the Art Gallery.

e) Facebook Business in the Spotlight: Dewees met with Tara at the Hobby Train Shop, possible Business Spotlight recommendation.

f) Salvation Army Bell Ringing: The EDC members will be volunteering.

7. Adjournment – 7:45 pm motion by Dewees, second by Jim Welton.

Voted 6-0.