

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

Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 7:00 PM

Probate Room

Town Hall

338 Main Street, Winsted, CT

COMMISSION

Dennis Dressel, Chairman

Phillip Allen, Vice Chairman

Scott Thompson, Secretary

Jim Welton, Treasurer

Gary Giordano

Dewees Yeager

Jessica Tessman

Jack Bourque, BOS Liaison

Linda Groppo, BOS Liaison

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Called to order at 7:04pm by Dennis Dressell. In attendance were Dennis Dressell, Phillip Allen, Scott Thompson (7:27pm), Jim Welton, Dewees Yeager, Gary Giordano and guest Pam Colombie and Bob Geiger
2. Agenda Review – American Mural Project Recycled and conversation with Bob Geiger to be added to Agenda on Hinsdale school project motion by Phil Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Giordano, vote 6-0 to add.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: August 6, 2019 – Motion to approve by Jim Welton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dewees Yeager, vote 6-0 to approve.
4. Communications – Meg Raiano to provide update on confirmations every two to three days. Jim encouraged members to visit businesses and provide post cards. Bob Geiger update on efforts to provide water and sewer to Barkhamsted and how development on Rt 44 benefits Winsted. Mr. Geiger also provided updates on blight initiative and the ripple effects on economic development. Dennis Dressell provided update on contacts with former member Caitlyn McSherry.
5. Old Business

Winsted Brews & Business – All communication to Meg Raiano to be funneled through Dewees Yeager. Twenty Four RSVPs thus far for event. RSVP email to be re-sent just after Labor Day to all not RSVPing. Dewees Y. and Jim W. are planning to canvas businesses with post cards in coming week. Phil Allen presented a confirmed vendor listing for event as well.

Business Visitation Program – Business list needs to go to Jim W. along with notes from visits already accomplished. Follow up with businesses, and try to take a picture upon visiting for future use on EDC media.

7. New Business

EDC plan for upcoming year – Begin formulating ideas to vet post Brews and Business event.

Hinsdale School EDC resolution – Phil Allen introduced resolution for EDC to support project, subject to our ability to do so. Phil motions for resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Welton, vote 6-0 in favor.

8. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm by Phil Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Giordano, vote 6-0 to adjourn.