

Economic Development Committee

July 1, 2015 Minutes

Attendees:

Dennis and Sharon Abbott, Lisa Hughes, Laurie Warchol, Don Holden, Leo Binette, Chuck Morgan from SMPDC, Gary Lamb, Cory Woodsome

Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Chairman Leo Binette. He then introduced our new contract EDC liaison staffer Chuck Morgan of SMPDC. Chuck briefly described his work with other Maine towns concerning ED...as well as some ideas for Waterboro to discuss and possibly pursue. He will use SMPDC's Community Analyst software to produce some demographic data to consider at the next EDC meeting.

The agenda and minutes of previous meeting were moved for acceptance by Don Holden, seconded by Cory Woodsome, and approved on 3-0 vote.

Correspondence included regrets expressed over Sue Rocray's resignation from EDC...but congratulations to her on her new job. Laurie and Chuck spoke briefly on the revolving loan fund that BSEDC oversees, and the fact that Waterboro is in the jurisdiction for this RLF. Chuck spoke briefly on CDBG funds availability in August and attributes of these funds.

Old Business:

- High school contest was tabled until school resumes in September.
- Considerable discussion ensued on media coverage, website changes, Facebook usage pro and con, etc.

Media Coverage:

- Lisa Warchol will write-up a press release on EDC's accomplishments this year.
- Reviewed Dave Lowe's correspondence on updating Town website banner.
- Tabled prioritizing 9 sections of vision plan until meeting with Board of Selectmen & Committees on comprehensive plan.
- Water District Study – Still waiting on results

New Business:

- Current Economic Update
 - Dollar General Construction has begun
 - New Insurance Agency coming in to occupy former Bayley Real Estate building in South Waterboro.
 - New undisclosed business coming to property located on Route 202.
- Scheduled at August Meeting with Shawn Shoemaker in regards to Route 5 / Clark's Bridge Road potential project

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15pm