



Minutes of regular meeting of Whitingham Economic Development Group (WEDG)
June 30, 2016

These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted), at a future meeting of the Whitingham Economic Development Group .

The WEDG held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 7:30AM in the Town Clerk's Office of the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT.

WEDG members present: Chair, Gretchen Havreluk; Members, Jenepher Burnell, Phil Edelstein,
Others present: Gig Zboray, Whitingham Selectboard Administrative Assistant;

Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda.

Chair, Gretchen Havreluk called the meeting to order at 7:35AM. Additions to agenda; Pamela Pease to submit resignation letter to WEDG.

Hearing of Visitors

There were no comments.

Minutes of 6/15/16 WEDG meeting were accepted as written with the following correction. Public Wi-Fi access in the Village of Whitingham business district is a long term project.

WEDG Account Balance: \$3300 as of FY 2016, \$5400 as of FY 2017

Broadband Meeting with Fairpoint

An informal meeting with Fairpoint was held June 15, 2016. Beth Fastiggi, President Fairpoint Vermont agreed to provide WEDG with a ball-park cost to add 150 homes mostly in the south part of Whitingham, to the existing Fairpoint DSL network. As of June 30, 2016, no info received from Fairpoint.

Changes to town info and historic tour pamphlets.

WEDG will work on changes to text and pictures for both pamphlets.

Flood Mitigation

Provided Gretchen with Phil Edelstein email dated January 4, 2016, sent to Matt Mann of WRC regarding possibility of building a flood overflow system behind the municipal center. Gretchen will follow up with WRC and ANR.

Town Website

Gretchen will develop a RFP form for website improvement for Gig Zboray. Gig will ask the SB if a special committee can be formed to assist Gig with improvements and changes to the town website and to develop a list of potential website improvement vendors to quote on the RFP. The committee will include WEDG members and possibly some tech savvy residents.

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New WEDG members

Phil Edelstein met with Kyle Frey and Nancy Bergman of Spoonwood Cabin Creamery on June 24, 2016 to request they join WEDG. They agreed to join but did not attend today's meeting. Phil to send follow-up.

Tax Stabilization Policy

Gretchen circulated a draft policy for review by WEDG

Adjourn

A motion was made by Gretchen Havreluk to adjourn, seconded by Jen Burnell all in favor. Gretchen Havreluk adjourned the meeting at 8:55AM.

Next meeting: July 20 at 7:30 AM