

Weare Economic Development Committee Minutes - March 21, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:12pm

Present: Cheryl Elliott, Heleen Kurk, George Malette, Alice Morris, Art Siciliano, Liz Sweeney, Jim Thompson

Previous minutes were approved.

Elliott had a casual conversation with a developer who said the welcome mat was not out in Weare for developers. He said the town doesn't want development - just look at what happened to Dunkin Donuts. The developer may be looking at commercial development.

There was a discussion of the Regional Economic Development Corporations. They can bring expertise on TIF, community block grants, etc. They have funds for SBA loans. They have legal expertise, etc. They could help WEDC and Weare, and we wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel. Should Weare join one of these corporations? There is no know cost, but that needs to be verified. WEDC will look at Monadnock and Capital Regional Development Councils.

What other activities should WEDC be involved with this year?

-- WEDC would like to look at commercial plans as they come before the Planning Board. WEDC should get agenda and minutes of Planning Board. We need to speak to Paul Morin, chair, and see if we can get involved in design review.

-- WEDC should work with realtors to locate commercial land for sale or lease.

-- WEDC would like to put links on the town website to show available commercial land.

WEDC membership and changes in progress:

Jim Thompson (chair), Heleen Kurk (ex officio), Alice Morris (secretary), Art Siciliano, George Malette (alternate).

Cheryl Elliott has turned in her resignation.

Liz McSweeney has turned in her application for membership. The committee has accepted her application and it will be sent to the Select Board.

There is one alternate position open.

The Weare Center Advisory Committee has defined an area as the center of town and is looking at zoning rules. Roads, buildings, and small commercial development, present and future, will be considered. WEDC would like to join the discussions on small commercial development.

WEDC has budgeted \$500 for a new Welcome to Weare sign on Rte. 114 at the Henniker line. Members should check the condition of the existing signs.

The April meeting has been cancelled.

The meeting adjourned 8:50
Alice Morris, secretary