



Webster Economic Development Alliance

Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2016

Present:

Matt Chatfield, Carmen Gumina, Robyn Whittaker, Ron Nesbitt, Barry Howard, Greg Chambery, Mike O'Connor

Approval of Minutes:

Tabled approval of Minutes from October since they were unavailable.

Staff Activity Report:

KAL Manufacturing Corp doubling output of goods and is planning on expanding in their current location.

1st reimbursement received from the Chilled Water Project and 1st check issued as the deliverables were approved and are 75% complete.

Matt handed out an illustration of the TAP Project of Ridge Rd. The Alliance submitted a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application on behalf of the Town of Webster for \$1.48 million in sidewalk, bicycle and lighting improvements along Ridge Road.

Approximately 10 attendees to the North Ave Project Open House. Project as designed is over budget so adjustments need to be made. The \$225,000 overage is mostly due to recommended lighting improvements above and beyond the original scope of work. Total federal grant funds are \$811,000; local matching funds of \$175,000 provided by Morgan Mgmt; the remainder of the project cost will be paid for by the Village.

Barry asked for more info in regards to the Ridge Rd project from Holt to Five Mile Line Rd.

Discussion on the Original Mac and Cheez situation and how to help them.
Conversation about the future of proposed East Main businesses

Financial Report:

Financial report showed an overage on insurance so next years budget will need to reflect.

Robyn moved to accept financials and Barry seconded.

Barry asked about the treasurer's position that will need to be filled soon and suggested that we may need to re-do the by-laws to protect officers and make aware people in those advisory positions and their terms and responsibilities.

Roundtable:

Robyn started the round table with the happenings in the Village and talked about the last wine walk and the recipients of the food drive from that which was the Hope House. Next up would be White Christmas in the Village

Carmen noted that there would be a Capital Bond Vote on 12/13 mainly to be used for asbestos abatement, playgrounds, bathroom updates, Spry cafetorium, and enlarged media and library at Thomas. Parking lot enhancements would also be part of that bond projects. It's a 43.5 million project and a 20 year bond. Tax consequence to the average home is \$20-25 basically a .8% tax rate.

Ron talked of Home Goods opening soft on the 11th and grand on the 13th of November with Bath and Body and Yankee Candle also coming to Town Center. Town Assessor and school board settled with Xerox for refunding 3yrs of tax refund equaling \$700,00 and has an agreement with the entities for 7 years to include the school, town, village, county and fire depts. Renovations of the parks and recreation maintenance building on Route 250 are waiting on the gas line near the park and state permits. Cell tower at parks and rec will provide wireless for the town and people are already approaching about tacking onto the tower and renting cell tower space. This provides service since the Parks and Rec is an emergency shelter. Board room at the town hall complex should be done by the first or second week of January and they are still considering placing the community chest in its own building. There is the new ambulance service in Webster so there will be no more drop and run(not allowed by state) and will serve as a secondary service to West Webster and Union Hill. This may help with the constant ALS expense that people keep complaining about. Tomatoes has hit a snag and they will be talking on the 15th of November and Sand Bar park will be resumed in January.

Barry stated that the Chamber has introduced 2 power hours in order to accommodate schedules better. The first one seemed to be successful! Breakfast before Business will be a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the speaker will be Robyn Whittaker from the Village Business Improvement District. The Chamber will also be helping again with the Electronic Town Meeting.



Greg Chambery from Maplewood Nursing Home and Rehabilitation mentioned that he was beginning a multi-million dollar project at Maplewood located on Daniel Drive in the Village of Webster. The project would include 14 new rooms, a coffee shop, another cafe and a dentist in the back. He would be going in front of the Village planning board in a few days.

Meeting Adjourned: Ron Nesbitt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m. which was seconded by Barry Howard. All were in favor and motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2016 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Whittaker – Director, on behalf of

John Cahill

Secretary, WCCED
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