



Webster Economic Development Alliance

Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2016

PRESENT:

Carmen Gumina, Ron Nesbitt, John Cahill, Robyn Whittaker, Ann Kowal, Barry Howard, Chris Passero, Mike O'Connor, and Matt Chatfield

Carmen Gumina welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting held on July 7, 2016 were reviewed with no changes. Approval of the minutes – moved by John Cahill; seconded by Ron Nesbitt- all approved.

Financial Report:

The Financial report for the month of July 2016 will be forthcoming.

Staff Activity Report:

Matt Chatfield provided an activity update for the month of July. Matt said he was able to finish and submit 2 CFA Grant Funding applications on the due date of July 29, 2016. One CFA grant was for Webster Industrial Revitalization Strategy for the Xerox west campus study. Matt said matching funds of \$75,000 dollars was from RG&E but unfortunately at the last minute Xerox did not turn in their letter of support. We had to submit without the Xerox letter. We were able to submit another grant for the Harmony House which would be for a revitalization and improvement study to become the Village's arts, culture and entertainment activities center. The announcement of funding awards will be in November or December of 2016.

Matt introduced Terry Madden and Tim Erwin from O'Brien and Gere to discuss the Chilled Water Project and its current status. They gave an overview of the cooling project which uses the cold water from Lake Ontario and the project began in 1958. NYSERDA and Monroe County Water Authority have been involved with the project since 1990. O'Brien and Gere said the engineering phase of the project is 65% done. They explained chilled water is a commodity and can be purchased in units like National Grid or RG&E. Currently the district or area of interest is located from County Line Road to Route 250 and encompasses a 2 mile area.

Round Table:

Mayor Cahill from the Village of Webster said the STP Comprehensive Study has started and we are looking at four to five months, the planters for the Village have been

ordered and should arrive at the end of the month, the BID has allocated up to fifteen thousand dollars toward the project. New gutters and paving is happening on Lincolnshire Road thanks to Senator Nozzolio and a fifty thousand dollar grant a few years ago. There is paving on the west end of Kittelberger Park. Morgan Management Phase Four will be starting on North Avenue in a few weeks which is a 70 unit project. This should take about eleven months. We are also going through the design phase of the North Avenue Project and that construction is to start next year. We are having issues with the main digester at the STP and we will have to remove the dome and drain the tank to take a good look at it. This will go hand in hand with the study that is going on. The initial estimate for this was \$192 thousand dollars and we are getting estimates right now so that cost should be significantly lower.

Supervisor Nesbitt from the Town of Webster said the new store Five Below is open; Michael's is having a Grand Opening on Sunday. Taco Bell Grand Opening will be on August 17. Yankee Candle is yet to come. Bath and Body Works is being rebuilt. The Waterfront Festival was very successful with over six thousand attendees. Saturday at noon is the ground breaking for the new Challenger Baseball Field and we will honor Senator Nozzolio because he will be retiring.

Barry Howard from the Chamber of Commerce said the Chamber is going to participate on Saturday and encouraged people to come to Honor Senator Nozzolio. He said the Chamber is going to sponsor the concerts on August 13th in the Village. There will be everything on that day a Wine Walk, a Movie in the Park, music also on that afternoon. A full day is planned. We honored 15 businesses at our June breakfast and 11 of them celebrated 50 years in business.

Mayor Cahill spoke for the BID and said on Saturday, August 13th there will be a Wine Walk from 4 – 7pm and the charity is the Webster Comfort Care Home. There will be two more Friday night concerts on August 5th and August 12th. The BID has also approved the money for the new planters and the plants in the Village. He also said the Jazz Festival was amazing and the BID did a great job with about four thousand attendees.

Meeting Adjourned: Carmen Gumina adjourned the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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