

PRESENT:

Carmen Gumina, John Cahill, Ron Nesbitt, Darrell Byerts, Ann Kowal, Pat Murray, Chris Passero, Matt Chatfield, Ginny Nancy, Robyn Whittaker, Pat Masson

Carmen Gumina welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on November 6, 2014 were reviewed with no changes. Approval of the minutes – moved by Robyn Whittaker; seconded by Pat Murray - all approved.

Financial Report: Pat Murray provided the Board with a financial report for the months of October 15 - December, 2014. Approval of financial report – moved by John Cahill; seconded by Ginny Nancy – all approved.

Staff Activity Report: Matt Chatfield provided an overview of staff activity for the month of December. Matt met with NYSERDA to become familiar with the programs that they have available. Matt also met with J. Fiore & Company who represents Darden Restaurants, and also the owners of the Webster Plaza (where the Library is located). The intent is to outreach with them to better understand how they operate and how we can be more proactive in presenting the demographics and opportunities in the Webster community. There were additional meetings with a potential investor regarding the Bauman Properties. Solar energy is becoming a major opportunity for municipalities and private development and Matt attended webinars and met with multiple solar developers and engineering companies to better understand the solar energy opportunities.

WCCED was awarded a CFA Grant from NYSERDA for a feasibility study of the chilled water district and at the February Meeting we should have more information regarding the next steps related to the process and get the project started by April 2015.

We have a date for the first Development Investment Forum of 2015 and Mark Peterson from GRE (Greater Rochester Enterprises) will give opening remarks. The breakfast meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 (Revised to March 11, 2015) at the Holiday Inn Express. Vinnie Esposito, Director of Empire State Development will also be in attendance. Matt reached out to Xerox in hopes that they will also attend and possibly the forum could highlight some opportunities for their land holdings from a potential developer's perspective. At the next Board of Directors meeting in early February we can discuss what we should present and address at that meeting. The control and focus of the message during this event will be to elaborate on slow and steady growth in Webster. The main focus will be Basket /Salt Road Corridor with the tie in of the Cold Water Project.

Round Table:

Robyn Whittaker said the Business Improvement District hosted the Wine Walk and it was very successful. The BID plans on hosting Four Wine Walks and Two Beer Walks in 2015 and the Village Merchants are very excited to participate. We will send out a marketing piece to the wineries and have them contact the BID if they want to participate. We will be working on our calendar of events for the coming year in our next meeting in February.

Ginny Nancy said the Chamber of Commerce has approved their strategic plan. We will launch the new website very soon. We are increasing evening networking The Chamber breakfast meetings continue to be a success.

John Cahill, Village Mayor, said the church steeple work is finally completed which took a lot of work from the code enforcement. The Village has been working with Matt Chatfield researching solar energy panels possibly for the sewage treatment plant. We will also have a new website coming out soon. We are doing some financial analysis and we will be establishing some reserve accounts and one will be for a vehicle rotation plan and schedule.

Ron Nesbitt, Town Supervisor, said Joseph Rieger is Acting Chief of Police and he will need to take a civil service exam before he can become the permanent Chief of Police. Gary Kleist, Commissioner of Public Works is retiring in February. The Challenger Miracle Baseball field will be under construction by late spring and the Golisano Foundation would like to secure a long-term lease for the complex. A bathroom will be constructed at the First Responders Spray Park. Taco Bell will be locating next to Dairy Queen. Pep Boys is coming to Webster Plaza. The entrance to the Library will be relocated to the rear of the building to free up some parking.

Meeting Adjourned: Carmen Gumina adjourned the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 5, 2015 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber Offices

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, WCCED
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