

Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development

Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2015

PRESENT:

Carmen Gumina, Ron Nesbitt, John Cahill, Darrell Byerts, Ann Kowal, Pat Murray, Bill Horeth, Tim Mason, Greg Chambery, Matt Chatfield, Ginny Nacy, Robyn Whittaker, Chris Passero

Carmen Gumina welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Dick Metzger, Executive Engineer from the Monroe County Water Authority and Webster resident.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting held on January 8, 2015 were reviewed with no changes. Approval of the minutes – moved by John Cahill; seconded by Ron Nesbitt - all approved.

Financial Report:

Pat Murray provided the Board with a financial report for the month of January, 2015. Approval of financial report – moved by John Cahill; seconded by Ron Nesbitt; – all approved.

Chilled Water District Feasibility Study:

Matt Chatfield provided an update in the next step needed in the NYSERDA Grant for the Chilled Water District Feasibility Study. At this point WCCED must select an engineering consultant to help with the majority of the work. Dick Metzger of the MCWA will be working closely with Matt on the facilitation of the project but largely the project management roll will come from the Coalition. Mr. Metzger's office at the Monroe County Water Authority will provide engineering assistance for MCWA infrastructure. We need to put together a consultant selection subcommittee (4 members only) and immediately send out RFQ's (Request for Qualifications). We should receive responses by the end of the month. We will review those responses as a group in March and then the selection subcommittee will meet and make the final decision by mid March. We will also ask for an advisory opinion from Mr. Metzger.

March 11 Development & Investment Forum:

Matt Chatfield discussed the format of the breakfast forum scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Carmen Gumina said the emphasis will be on smart, slow, steady growth in Webster. Matt Chatfield said Maggie Brooks will have the opening remarks

and Mark Peterson will talk about the regional economy and our focus will be on the quality of the local market place as an opportunity to invest. Ron Nesbitt and John Cahill will also say a few words about what our goals and future vision for the Webster community.

Round Table:

John Cahill said a lease has been signed with Mac and Cheese to move into the old Burger king location in the Village. The lease is contingent upon receiving a variance to enable them to utilize the drive-thru window but mainly it will be a sit down restaurant. We also met with the Department of Transportation representatives for the resurfacing of Main Street and Route 250 in the Village. The State's investment will be more extensive than originally thought, resulting in significant improvements that will be noticeable to residents. The DOT will incorporate additional improvements from the CAP Study and the North Avenue Project. The tentative start date will be in early June and it is scheduled to be finished by mid November or December 2015.

Robyn Whittaker said the BID is geared up for the new events season. We have Wine Walks and Beer Walks scheduled and we will reinvent Village Days.

Ginny Nancy said the Chamber of Commerce will be launching the new website to their members in February. The January breakfast was successful even though the weather wasn't that great.

Executive Session: Voting Board members entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:20am.

Meeting Adjourned: Carmen Gumina adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, WCCED
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