
Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2014

PRESENT:

John Cahill, Ron Nesbitt, Darrell Byerts, Carmen Gumina, Tom Spoonhower, Ann Kowal, Pat Murray, Tim Mason, Greg Chambery, Chris Passero, Michael Wojcik, Matt Chatfield, Robyn Whittaker, Ginny Nancy

Ron Nesbitt welcomed everyone to the meeting and said the Board of Directors has received the resignation of Adele Bovard.

Ron also noted that Carmen Gumina was named as Interim Deputy Superintendent of Webster Schools and congratulated him. He also said that Carmen expressed an interest in becoming President for WCCED.

Motion to nominate Carmen Gumina as President to the Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development – Approval moved by Ron Nesbitt; seconded by John Cahill – all approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on June 5, 2014 were reviewed with no changes. Approval of the minutes – moved by Ron Nesbitt; seconded by Robin Whittaker - all approved.

Financial Report: Tom Spoonhower provided the Board with a financial report for the months of June and July, 2014.

Approval of financial report - moved by Ginny Nancy; seconded by Ron Nesbitt - all approved.

Staff Activity Report: Matt Chatfield provided an overview of staff activity for the months of June and July. The month of June was busy with completing two grants (TAP Grant and NYSERDA).

We were also approached by GroSolar regarding the need for 20 acres to develop a solar array. The company may be eligible for a grant if they can secure an option on land. It is still in the beginning stages, yet the Beh property on Tebor Road is under option for 20 acres.

WCEED received great press for the grant applications and was on the front page of the D&C for the chilled water feasibility study. This project has been in the works for 15

years and the development of a feasibility study will determine if the project can ultimately succeed.

Some modifications were made to the website and more content was added. Matt made contact with website developers and obtained quotes of \$2500 to \$3000 to do a complete refresh of the website. All the background and programming would be supplied. It is something to look into for the future because the internet and the web is where we should strive to improve our presence in the community. It is a good way to build awareness for WCCED and show what is going on in the Webster Community.

Pat Murray and Matt met with the owner of the Holiday Inn. Ron Nesbitt and Pat Murray had a discussion related to developing more meeting and conference space within the community and perhaps associate with a hotel. The idea would be for Webster to become a destination place for corporate meetings. It was suggested that WCCED could also reach out to Hampton Inn and Burgundy Basin.

Contact was also made with Tim Horton's and McDonalds for possible new space or for branching out in the Webster area. Another idea was that Xerox Corporation may also have possible space available.

Ron Nesbitt said development is good but if there are other opportunities to do something to enhance the trail system or include some green space because these are also pluses in our community. We need to have slow steady growth to take advantage of what we have and to promote Webster. There are 1100 acres of open space in Webster and there are no funds to develop all of it right now but we have a lot of assets in the Webster trails. This would be a good topic to market for our community.

Roundtable Discussion: John Cahill mentioned the on-going development in the Village of Webster, including a 38 unit being built on Lyon Drive, Morgan Management is building 70 units. He also said there is a business interested in the Burger King building and also mentioned the ongoing construction of the Barrett Center.

Ron Nesbitt said that Ridge Road is on schedule with paving and the same company will also do the lane improvements for Wendy's Restaurant. Wendy's received building approval and the design will be a brick building like the one in Pittsford. There will also be one entrance shared by OcuSight and Wendy's. Taco Bell is not coming. Mavis Muffler is not coming. Buffalo Wild Wings is still in the works. LA Fitness is moving along, as well as Chipotle, Joseph A. Banks, Dairy Queen, and UKFCU.

Robin Whittaker with the BID said Jazz Fest was successful even though it rained. She said they will also sponsor the Street Dance, Village Days, and a Car Show. This year food and music will all be located right on Main Street.



Meeting Adjourned: Carmen Gumina adjourned the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2014 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber Offices

Respectfully submitted,

John Cahill

Secretary, WCCED
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