

Randolph Economic Development Council
Minutes of the AUGUST 3, 2015 Meeting

Attending: Jason Aldous, Julie Iffland, John Lutz, Paul Ralston, Paul Rea, Michael Tragner, and Joe Woodin. No Selectboard liaison representative attended this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm in Conference Room A of the Town Hall. Chair Michael Tragner presided at the meeting. No public members to be heard attended this meeting.

The minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting were approved. 4-0-3

The Council engaged in a discussion about whether we as an Economic Development group should take a position of the current Exit 4 Development issue. Each member of the Council had an opportunity to voice their opinion on the subject and after a period of give-and-take the consensus of the group was that the Council favored the development of a Vermont Visitor's Center and a hotel/motel, but that other features of the plan seemed too premature and aggressive.

At each of our recent meetings we have had two major projects that have been reported on. The first is known as **Initiative A** and its project is to create a **Guide to Business and Permitting in Randolph**. Julie Iffland, John Lutz and Paul Ralston are the subcommittee members working on this project. The material for the eventual "Welcome to Doing Business in Randolph" is now well-outlined and about 50% of the text has been written. The next subcommittee goal is to complete the primary text by our September meeting and then work on appropriate photos and perform an edit which will give a project which had many sources, a unified voice.

Next discussed was **Initiative B** – "Creating an Inventory of Assets." Michael Tragner has written a "Second Letter" which will be mailed to the 224 businesses and organizations that did not send back a response to the original survey. This second mailing will be mailed at mid-August.

During the remaining period of our meeting Council members shared current items of new economic development in Randolph.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on September 14 in Conference Room A of the Town Hall at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Lutz