

Economic Development Council
Minutes of the FEBRUARY 1, 2016 Meeting

Attending: Jason Aldus, Julie Iffland, John Lutz, Paul Ralston, Paul Rea, Michael Tragner and Joe Wooden.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm in Conference Room A of the Town Hall. Chair Michael Tragner presided at the meeting. Jennefer Jolls, Adult Education Coordinator at RTCC, attended this meeting as a member of the public.

She shared her concerns that pre-employment skills are an area of concern. She asked the Randolph Economic Development Council to be aware of her activities and offer their thoughts and guidance as she explores the two options of participating in an existing program or developing her own program at RTCC. The Council agreed to be available to assist Jennefer.

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting were approved. 5-0-2

Michael Tragner asked John Lutz to report on the status of "Guide to Doing Business in Randolph" and the "Randolph Business Directory." Lutz reported that the "Guide to Doing Business in Randolph" was in production and that final deletions and additions to the "Randolph Business Directory" would soon be complete. Both publications will be available at Town Meeting Day and would also be mailed, along with a cover letter from Michael Tragner, to each business or organization listed in the Directory. Julie Iffland offered to help maintain the business and organization data base that John Lutz created as a base for our "Randolph Business Directory."

Julie Iffland reported on the "Recreation Trail Map." Parts of previous maps will be digitized and the final results, after any needed editing or expansion, will be part of the revised and updated Town information kiosk.

The Glove Factory update included Paul Rea's report on his recent meeting with Glove Factory principals. The Economic Development Council understands that aiding existing businesses should be part of its mission, but until there is more clarity over how it can best help the Glove Factory, we need to patiently monitor that situation.

We then discussed the need to create a press release for presentation to THE HERALD telling of our two 2015 projects and about their successful completion.

New 2016 projects were again briefly discussed. The discussion did not result in a clear definition of the project(s) that will be our focus in 2016. Hopefully this topic can be decided at our upcoming March meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on March 7, 2016 in Conference Room A of the Town Hall at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Lutz