

Randolph Economic Development Council  
Minutes of the OCTOBER 5, 2015 Meeting

Attending: Jason Aldous, Julie Iffland, John Lutz, Paul Ralston, Paul Rea, Marjorie Ryerson, Michael Tragner, and Joe Woodin.

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. Two members of the public, Camden Walters and Cathy Hull attended this meeting.

The minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting were approved. 5-0-2

Joe Woodin presented a first draft of a letter that will be sent to "The Herald" stating what had become the shared opinion of the Economic Development Council about what has become known as "The Exit 4 Project". Two members of our Committee had not been part of our September discussion and shared their opinions of the issues that were presented in the letter under development. Several small revisions and minor wording changes should allow the Committee to approve an updated letter at our November meeting.

Council members were given an update to **Initiative A**, the project to create a **Guide to Doing Business in Randolph**. Julie Iffland, presented a first draft of a 4-page Guide which was favorably received by Council members. When the Guide is completed, a supply will be available at the Town Hall and can be included with permits or inquiries handled by the Town. An important part of the Guide is a list of resources. It is the Council's intention to carefully monitor this publication to keep listed information and contacts up-to-date..

Next discussed was **Initiative B – "Creating an Inventory of Assets."** After the Council considered how the gathered information could be of most benefit, it was decided, that after responses to the second mailing began to show, we would take the gathered information, print it in booklet form, and distribute the booklets to all persons who are in the database.

Randolph's tax stabilization policy was next on the agenda. All the information we had was a copy of the Tax Stabilization policy that was last defined in 1994. The Council would like to learn from Town officials how the limited stabilization agreements have worked out for the Town and what role Tax Stabilization should play in future outreach to new businesses. Again It was suggested that we contact Claremont, NH to learn how they had used tax stabilization to good advantage.

The last part of our meeting was spent discussing how the Council could benefit from meeting with the Director of the Two River-Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission to learn more about economic development at both the local level and what developments are shaping up in the region.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on November 2 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