

Randolph Economic Development Council
Minutes of the March 6. 2015 Meeting

Attending: Jason Aldous, Julie Iffland, John Lutz, Paul Rea, Paul Ralston, Joe Woodin, and Marjorie Ryerson, as the Selectboard liaison representative.

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. Three members of the public, Tim Schroeder, Dee Tracey, and Dave Hurwitz, also attended.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved, passing with a vote of 4-0-2.

Marjorie Ryerson and Ross Evans are the new Selectboard representatives to the Economic Development Council.

Last month, substitute chair Wooden solicited comments from each Council member attending as to their “fears” and “hopes” for the Council’s future actions. The resulting list of action plans was presented as a 6-part framework for future initiatives for during the coming year. The initiatives. **A-Foster Development; B-Inventory Assets; C-Publicize Town & Events; D-Strategize and Plan; E-Promote Services; and F-Work with Other Randolph organizations.**

Items A, B, & C were chosen as the three primary topics to focus on. Council members Paul Ralston, John Lutz, Paul Rea, and Julie Iffland chose topic A, and Michael Tragner, Joe Woodin, and Jason Aldous volunteered to work on topic B. This will allow progress to be made on a variety of fronts at the same time. Progress reports on each of the identified initiatives will be a part of each future Council meeting.

Paul Rea brought to the attention of the Council that the group already has an approved budget which should aid in certain projects. Paul Ralston shared that he hoped the Council would have “employment, better jobs, and building the Grand List” as three major goals.

A brief discussion on the topic “Protocols for Guests to Town Committee Meetings” followed. A first draft of these guidelines for members of the public who attend our meetings will be presented and discussed at our May 4th meeting.

An opportunity to present suggest agenda items for our next meeting was offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Lutz