

Randolph Economic Development Council
Minutes of the JUNE 1. 2015 Meeting

Attending: Jason Aldous, Julie Iffland, John Lutz, Paul Rea, Michael Tragner, 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.

Chair Tragner distributed a copy of the May minutes, the June agenda, and a copy of the approved Public Comment Guidelines. The May meeting minutes were considered first. Iffland moved for approval, Aldous seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1.

The Council currently has two major projects in development. 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. In May, Iffland and Lutz met with Town Engineer and Zoning Administrator, Mardee Sanchez to learn more about the various issues that should to be included. From that discussion and samples of resource guides prepared by other Vermont towns, Julie Iffland created a first outline for Randolph's Guide. Primary sections are, **Introduction to Randolph, Town Government and How it Works, Tips for Starting a Business**, and a **Resources** section. First assignments for the writing of this Guide were accepted by Council members in attendance.

Next discussed was **Initiative B** – “Creating an Inventory of Assets.” John Lutz reported that a survey to 306 organizations in the Council's data base had been mailed the week before. When these survey's are returned, the information in the data base will be updated or corrected. This project is now well advanced and after records are updated, the information will be transferred to the Town of Randolph's website. Future Council sessions will work through the question of who will maintain this information and how new information will be gathered.

The next portion of our meeting, Sharing Current Economic News, shared six different local news items that became public in May.

Under “New Business” there was a discussion about the recent Act 250 meeting that took place about the proposed new developments at Exit 4. Council member shared opinions about how much or how little the Economic Development Council should be involved in the public discussions about the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by John Lutz