

Economic Development Council
Minutes of the JULY 13, 2015 Meeting

Attending: Julie Iffland, Paul Rea, Michael Tragner, Paul Ralston 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 and distributed the agenda.

Eight members of the public attended and some made comments in the public comment period; Cynthia Jackson, Ronnie Solbert, Cynthia Quilici, Giovanni Quilici, Dede Tracy, Milo G., David Hurwitz, and Irene Schaefer. Once it was understood by the public attending that the council was not discussing the Exit 4 development project that night, as it was not an agenda item, a discussion followed about written comments and specific economic development issues Mr. Sammis raised in a document he sent to the council for consideration earlier in the month. The council identified which items are on their radar, the items which already exist as incentives, and those that are not the purview of the council.

The June minutes were then considered passing with a vote of 4-0-0.

Updates were provided on **Initiative A**, a **Guide to Business and Permitting in Randolph**, by Julie Iffland and Paul Ralston. The guide's introduction letter that was proposed earlier in the month had been edited and completed. The guide's general organization and target audience was then presented; 1) Business Start-ups, 2) Expansions, and 3) Relocations. Details and resources for each target were also discussed with a handout provided as an overview. Paul Rea provided a list of brokerage agencies as part of the resources to be provided in the guide. Contacts for the guide will come from the various resources named in the guide while the general Town of Randolph contact has yet to be determined.

Updates were provided on **Initiative B**, – "Creating an Inventory of Assets." John Lutz provided a document summarizing the responses to the mailing. 304 letters were mailed with 72 cards to date returned (24% response). It was agreed that a new letter would be sent to non-respondents encouraging them to complete the form (Tragner agreed to write the letter).

The next portion of our meeting, Sharing Current Economic News, shared nine different local news items.

There was no discussion on the "New Business" agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Michael Tragner