

Randolph Economic Development Council

Meeting Minutes

June 06, 2016

In Attendance

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| Council Members | Michael Tragner, Julie Iffland, Winston Sadoo, Jason Aldous Not available: Paul Ralston, Emma Schumann & vacant seat member |
| Selectboard Members | Not available: Ross Evans and Marjorie Ryerson |
| Members of the Public | Kevin McCollister (Catamount Solar), Ward Joyce, and members of RACDC (all to speak on behalf of the proposal mentioned below) |

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35
- Julie Iffland introduced members of the public who attended the meeting to speak about and support the creation of a “pocket park” in Randolph’s downtown. In summary, Catamount Solar is buying a downtown property on the corner of Randolph Ave and Pleasant Street. A portion of that lot is vacant and they have agreed to work with RACDC and their partners to create a ‘pocket park’ on an energy theme which would serve the public as an educational, interesting, and usable open space area commemorating the town’s work to increase energy awareness. Cost of the park is estimated to be \$50k. The presenters were seeking the council’s commitment to allocate \$5k of their remaining 2015 town allocated funds.
 - After the presenters left the meeting discussion by the council members followed, including the benefits of the proposed “pocket park” (primarily its location within a zone of high importance to the council with respect to enhancing downtown’s economic vitality); how the project could have positive impacts on economic development within the downtown (primarily by enhancing the downtown’s accessibility to public community space); and the availability of funding (whether the council’s remaining 2015-16 funding could be used for this purpose). After lengthy discussion the council members voted 4-0-0 to support the project with a \$5k donation pending selectboard approval and review of the proposal business plan
- Update on the *Guide to Doing Business in Randolph* project. Brochure had been revised based on edits from town officials and is now in the hands of John Lutz who will be preparing the brochure proof.
- Economic Development News
 - None discussed
- Other Business
 - None discussed
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.