

Randolph Economic Development Council Minutes of the October 3, 2016 Meeting

Attending: Winston Sadoo, Jason Aldous, Julie Iffland, Marjorie Ryerson, Ken Cadow
Public: Eva Loomis (sub-committee designee)

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM in Conference Room A of the Town Hall. As Chair Michael Tragner was not present, Jason Aldous presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Winston Sadoo moved to approve them, which was seconded by Marjorie Ryerson and approved unanimously 5-0-0.

Eva Loomis, who is assisting with the Chelsea Green committee was present for first portion of the meeting.

Council Vacancies

- Two new members have been appointed: Marjorie Ryerson and Ken Cadow. The board members introduced themselves to get acquainted. There is currently one remaining vacancy on the Randolph Economic Development Council and one applicant, Jay Hooper.
- Winston Sadoo moved that the EDC recommend the appointment of Jay Hooper to the Select Board. The motion was seconded by Jason Aldous and approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Economic Development Opportunity - Chelsea Green Publishing

- Eva Loomis has been inquiring about potential assistance from VTC and RTCC building trade programs.
- Julie Iffland has connected with Efficiency Vermont about a building walk-through to assess best options for increasing the building efficiency and has also contacted the realtor, who can make the building available with 24-48 hours notice to the owners.
- Marjorie Ryerson will be meeting with Margo Baldwin and new VTC President Pat Moulton on 10/28 at 11am to discuss the potential for joint programming.
- Ken Cadow will reach out to an architect he knows who specializes in historic buildings to see if he could offer some advice and assistance in reviewing the building energy needs and solutions.

Guide to Doing Business In Randolph – no report

Exit 4 Information

- Jason Aldous reported that he found out from VTRANS that they long ago abandoned the bulletin boards at the exits and handed over custody & control to either the towns or the Chambers of Commerce.
- Julie Iffland reported speaking with Sherry Needle, chair of the Chamber Board, concerning the Council's interest in updating the information at the exit. The Chamber did not at that time have any update on their future plans.

- Ken Cadow expressed interest in having students create an updated board based on the town sign timber frame designs that have been established by the downtown kiosk and Rt 12 south sign.
- The Council decided that as a first phase, it could assess the structural soundness of the existing structure and ask the owner of the Barn for their approval to update what is already there (paint, new plexi, new signage). Julie Iffland indicated that it would be simple and relatively inexpensive to copy the materials already developed or being developed for the downtown kiosk to put up on the exit 4 bulletin board. If we can improve the looks and function of the board that is already there, when more is known about the student work potential and Chamber's situation, we can consider developing plans for a second phase which may involve new structures and a more well-developed marketing plan.

Pocket Park Update

- Designer Ward Joyce has developed some initial designs that were shared with Catamount Solar. The comments will be integrated into updated designs to share at a public meeting, to be held at some point within the next month.

Council Priority Projects

- The Council briefly discussed our web presence. Jason Aldous did discuss with Cindy Spaulding the possibility of the Council taking over the web page administration, which all agreed would be worthwhile if someone on the Council were willing to take on that role.

As no other business was pending before the group, Ken Cadow moved and Winston Sadoo seconded a motion to adjourn and meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Iffland