

Randolph Economic Development Council

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2016 – DRAFT

In Attendance

Council Members	Michael Tragner, Julie Iffland, Emma Schumann, Winston Sadoo, Paul Rea Not available: Jason Aldous and Paul Ralston
Selectboard Members	Not available: Ross Evans and Marjorie Ryerson
Members of the Public	Gary Dir

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35
- New Council member Emma Schumann was introduced
- Gary Dir spoke about the Randolph Energy Committee’s activities (LED street lighting, community solar program, Zen program) and encouraged the EDC to participate in some of these and also the Zero Energy Now program (a partnership between State of VT and GMP). He also encouraged the EDC to reach out to VTC to engage a youth partner for one of the energy projects. No action was taken by the EDC.
- Discussion of the next Council Projects, ideas circulated include;
 - Emma
 - Upgrades to local tourism shed adjacent to the Barn. The shed is owned by the Chamber and the land is state owned. The idea is to upgrade the shed with local material and create a new design which draws in the high traffic at this site.
 - Upgrades to town gazebo (or siting of new location) allowing the space to be more user friendly
 - Create a pedestrian only Merchants Row to focus on retail business development
 - Downtown wifi
 - Julie
 - Consider a longer term project which identifies a significant town need and works toward securing that asset
 - Winston
 - Attract folks to downtown by creating additional one-off daily festivals
 - Business recruitment efforts
 - EDC to take a stance on some of the large pending projects (state lab, Randolph Center solar project)

Jason

- Inventory commercial assets (i.e. available commercial properties, infrastructure assets)
- Host economic development summit (bring together entities that could support small business development)
- Create enhanced web and social media presence post business climate survey with recommendations and, gap analysis

Michael

- Develop/expand REDC web page(s) on Randolph web site
- Update on the *Guide to Doing Business in Randolph* project. Brochure is undergoing revisions by town officials and then will be circulated to those in the Directory.
- Trail Map update, progress continues with the preliminary map not including trail details until that data is collected.
- Economic Development News
 - None discussed
- Other Business – Winston suggested that the meetings should be longer by 15 minutes
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.