



TOWN OF RANDOLPH, VERMONT

Economic Development Council

Hybrid Meeting

Minutes of January 3, 2022

Members Present: Mary Richter (via ZOOM), Ken Cadow (via ZOOM)

Guests: Gary Dir (via ZOOM), Jerry Ward (via ZOOM), Larry Satcowitz (via ZOOM)

Town of Randolph: Joshua Jerome (In-Person)

Selectboard Liaison: None

Public Attendees: None

Establish Quorum

No Quorum Established.

Meeting will be held without any voting.

Call to Meeting to Order

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Public Comment

None

1. Updates:

a. Energy Committee Update (*Gary Dir*)

Gary provided an update regarding the energy committee's activities with its Global Solutions Act of 2020 initiatives and its meeting with the Selectboard on December 9, 2021.

[SB DRAFT Minutes - 12-09-11 \(v.01\).pdf \(randolphvt.org\)](#).

For more information, please contact Gary Dir at gdir4343@gmail.com.

b. CORI - Digital Economic Ecosystem Project (*Erika Hoffman-Kiess, Joshua Jerome*)

Josh updated the Council the EDA proposal was not awarded the planning grant.

The Randolph project is moving forward and during January there will be mini-events to engage the community with the defined Drivers.

A suggestion was made for the CORI project to engage with the Energy Committee.

c. Childcare (*Damian DiNicola*)

Josh reported the closing of the VTC subdivision lower building for Childcare has been completed.

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This initiative continues to seek funding.

- d. Rural School System Project (*Damian DiNicola, Ken Cadow, Mary Richter*)

No updates.

- e. Gifford Medical Center (*Dan Bennett*)

No representation / no updates.

- f. RACDC (*Julie Iffland*)

No representation / no updates.

- g. WRVCC (*Linda Runnion, Andrea Easton*)

No representation / no updates.

2. Old Business

- ACCD Marketing & Tourism Grant

Josh reported Randolph was awarded \$30,000.

The funds will allow to market and attract tourism within/outside the region and out of state (New York City, Boston areas, and Canadian Provinces) and will be allocated for:

- New World Festival
- Ridgeline and Trail Collective
- Randolph in Motion Website

- Randolph in Motion

Mary reported the Randolph in Motion Winter 2021 Guide was released digitally and in the Herald on December 16th.

Looking for volunteers to distribute the Guide throughout the area. There is a supply in the Town Hall Lobby.

3. New Business

- New topics, initiatives, and ideas as a council, town, and community to consider as we embark on the New Year.
 - Councilmember, Ken suggested working with John Kidder at VTC to be involved with the \$10M Modern Manufacturing plant to engage High School and VTC students.

- Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP) [Vermont Housing Improvement Program \(VHIP\) | Agency of Commerce and Community Development](#) funding towards housing initiatives such as Salisbury Square, Branchwood with a focus on employment and meeting its housing needs.
- Gary suggested the Energy Committee, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC), and Randolph Economic Development Council pull projects together.

Mary will reach out to Council Members for new topics and initiatives.

- Jerry Ward advised the Huggable Mug will be closing by June 2022. Abby Tonk is hoping someone will buy the business.
- Jerry was planning to put the building on the market, however, will hold off for the time being.

Adjourned: 7:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary V. Richter, Chair