



TOWN OF RANDOLPH, VERMONT

Economic Development Council

Zoom Meeting

Minutes of March 7, 2022

Members Present: Mary Richter, Ken Cadow, Damian DiNicola, Bethany Silloway, Sarah Jackson

Guests: Ed Rooney, John Farrow, Sonny Holt, Gary Dir, Erika Hoffman-Kiess, CJ Strump

Town of Randolph: Joshua Jerome

Selectboard Liaison: Perry Armstrong

Public Attendees: None

Establish Quorum: Quorum Established.

Call to Meeting to Order

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Public Comment

Gary Dir updated the group that Weatherization and Window Dresser initiatives will occur in the Fall. A discussion on full energy audits and discussions with the Selectboard at least three times. Perry commented the Energy Committee was given direction by the Selectboard and that the topic was not appropriate for this meeting and further discussions will continue offline. Gary will reach out to Perry.

- Working session:
 - Update Ongoing REDC Activities

New Hotel

Partners are meeting weekly.

Facing challenges with subcontractors, workforce shortage and increase in prices.

CORI

Randolph will be a co-applicant with the Black River Innovation Campus (BRIC) partnering with VTC and Norwich.

Childcare

Moving along.

Rural School System

On Hold.

Belmain's

Perry reported George Gray is not moving forward. In addition, Nantucket Post & Cap has moved its business from Randolph to Bethel.

The meeting sifted from the agenda to how CoVID has derailed economic development for the Council. It's time to reboot with a focus on new businesses, entrepreneurship, and other initiatives to benefit the community.

After a variety of discussions, a comment was made for those who have been on the Council pre-pandemic to provide a "refresher" for new Council members. Mary to add to the April agenda.

Mary reminded everyone; the Council meets the first Monday of every month. If a meeting falls on a holiday Monday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month.

Adjourn: 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary V. Richter, Chair