

WEDC Minutes – February 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM on February 21, 2018. Present were: Rick Wright, Peter Corey ,Scott Burns, Stan & Sandy Holz, Katy Kopp, Sally Maroon, Bob Maroon, Lisa DeAngelis, Bob Stiles, Steve Laroza, Gerry Pons, & Cory Pons.

Last month's minutes were discussed and approved.

Parking: Discussion on update for parking and potential uses of property controlled by the Railroad. Horizon Engineering provided a full plan and overlay of downtown Whitefield showcasing the Railroad property. Potential uses of the properties may include parking, picnic area and tables, playground, bike and walking trails, dog park and possibly retail outlets. Bob Stiles is setting up a meeting with the appropriate land owners to assess what uses they would approve.

Town Manager: Committee meeting was held at Peter Corey's house. It was decided that a Warrant Article supporting the Town Manager was premature. The important question for supporting a Town Manager, Town Administrator or Community Development Director needs further discussion. It was suggested that each Board Member provide pros and cons of each of the three positions. It was a concession of the Board that a central figure of some sort was needed for the Town.

Timbering: The Board was informed that the contract with the forester was approved by the Town and signed by all the parties. WEDC is to manage the project on the Town's behalf. Because of the lateness of the winter season, it was decided to have a site visit in early spring with the forester. Timber prices per the forester remain strong.

Downtown Buildings: While the process is taking longer than anticipated, the funding for the Feasibility Study is being secured by CEDC, The two buildings in question are under agreement with the property owners and CEDC.

Commons Committee: A Committee was formed including Sally Maroon, Katy Kopp, Roxie Severence, Tina Wright, Lisa DeAngelis and Cory Pons. The committee has been tasked to co-ordinate decorations, lighting and other general issues involving the Commons and Bandstand.

General Discussion: Suggestions including setting up a Facebook page and linking it with the Town Website.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Pons/Secretary