

WEDC MEETING MINUTES

The WEDC meeting was held on **March 21, 2018** at the Whitefield Library and called to order at 6:31PM. Present were: Peter Corey, Scott Burns, Rick Wright, Katy Kopp, Roxie Severence, Stan & Sandy Holz, Sally Maroon, Lisa DeAngelis, Beth & Jerad Cape, Bob Stiles, Cory & Gerry Pons.

A general discussion was had to streamline the meeting format and pace. It was agreed generally that a re-hashing of current or past initiatives was to be eliminated unless a significant change or update occurred.

Last month's minutes were reviewed and approved.

Points of Discussion:

1. Parking lot between Cumberland Farms & Woodburn House

It was agreed that since the Town already owned the property that an effort be made to move the initiative forward. The thoughts were that WEDC could gather the information needed to accomplish a fully paved, stripped, lighted and parking lot with appropriate International signage. Bob Stiles and Rick Wright were tasked to find out the current status of any drainage and sub-surface conditions. It was also determined that grants may be available to assist in the funding of the project. Lisa DeAngelis and Gerry agreed to work to find existing grants & co-ordinate with the Town.

2. By-Laws

It was pointed out that the existing By-Laws may be out of date and need to be reviewed and re-defined to meet our new mission. Things like annual meeting, numbers of allowed members, length of term of officers, and age of members were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to allow the process to start. It was agreed that Roxie

Severence, Peter Corey and Katy Kopp would start the review process and make suggestions for revised By-Laws. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be held at the April meeting. Gerry agreed to talk to Tina Wright at the Town to post a public notice of the meeting required. A question was raised about the need of insurance to cover the Board Members in it's actions. Scott Burns volunteered to price insurance programs and policies.

3. Whitefield Railroad Land Development Project

It was determined that the project may take longer to accomplish because of land ownership issues and land uses that may be allowed. Jerad Cape was asked to write a draft of a letter to the appropriate stake holders outlining a request to meet to determine the landowner's willingness to allow our request. Once the finalized letter is submitted, Gerry will follow up with a phone contact to arrange a site visit and land use possibilities presentation. Bob Stiles is also leading an effort to arrange a site visit and presentation with the appropriate railroad authorities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Pons/ Temporary Secretary