



## **Webster Economic Development Alliance**

### **Meeting Minutes from September 1, 2016**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Ron Nesbitt, John Cahill, Robyn Whittaker, Barry Howard, Chris Passero, and Matt Chatfield

Ron Nesbitt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the meeting held on August 4, 2016 were reviewed with no changes. Approval of the minutes – moved by Barry Howard; seconded by John Cahill – all approved.

#### **Financial Report:**

Matt Chatfield reviewed the financial reports for the months of June, July and August 2016. Approval of the financial reports moved by John Cahill; seconded by Robyn Whittaker – all approved.

#### **Staff Activity Report:**

Matt Chatfield provided an activity update for the month of August. Matt said there was a statewide economic development project seeking a site in the region. The Federal Government made a loan to Amtrak Railroad which involved developing high speed trains from New York City to Washington DC. Matt said GRE and Ontario-Midland Railroad asked him to find and submit 25 acres of land located along rail for the development of a 400,000sf railroad components manufacturing and testing facility. Matt said he was able to submit a few location sites but he did hear that Hornell was chosen for their location. He said he is optimistic because the Alstom Company, which is the railroad transportation group, does have a presents in Rochester and but their manufacturing facility is in Hornell. Matt also said he had discussions with Monroe County on the future of 780 Salt Road which is a zombie building and is in need of remediation. He also presented the Chilled Water project to MCWA and said that O'Brien and Geer will return in January to present an overview of the final project to the Board. Matt said he began an interactive web based mapping application to display available properties for sale/lease in the community and this can be found on the WebsterEDA.org website. He also said he is working with the Town of Webster on a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application for pedestrian/bicycle/transit improvements for sidewalks along Ridge Road from Holt Road

to Five Mile Line Road. Matt also contacted Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA) and met with Maggie Brooks in conjunction with the project for transit pads and a new shelter in the community for riders.

**Round Table:**

Robyn Whittaker from the BID said they had a very successful summer but the Party in the Park was rained on and then the power went out before the Wine Walk began which lasted for an hour and a half, but all in all it was a fun event. The next Wine Walk will be held on October 22, 2016 and it will be the last one of the season. Next year there will only be two Wine Walks and a Beer Walk. Robyn said the Trick or Treat Trail will be at the end of October and then White Christmas. Robyn said she did receive the bill for the planters and will pay the Village in the amount of \$13,242.99. She said she did receive an email in regards to the placement of the planters.

Matt Chatfield replied and said the planters are like furniture and will be rearranged.

Mayor John Cahill from the Village of Webster said he posted pictures of the planters on a Facebook page for Webster and received over two hundred likes. Mayor Cahill said the Village will reconfigure the planters but he believes the majority of people like them and he feels they are beautiful.

Barry Howard from the Chamber of Commerce said there will be another evening event at Sports PT for afterhours. The Chamber is going to be dealing with contracts for health insurance and will offer healthcare to participants over the age of 65 which the Chamber has not done in at least ten years because they were not able to. He made mention of the Chamber website and said there is plenty of new information about what is happening in the community and about our members. He invited everyone to take a look.

Supervisor Ron Nesbitt from the Town of Webster said the new roof on the court building is going up today. The Town Board room will be moving and will share space with the court building. Offices and bathrooms will be built in the old space where the Board Room was located. The new Walmart grand opening will occur on September 14, 2016. Challenger Field has started construction. We are working on the Town Budget. The Town will be building a new cell tower located at 1350 Chiyoda Drive for wireless communications between the buildings.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Ron Nesbitt adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.



**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 4, 2016 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Cahill*

Secretary, WCCED  
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