

## **Webster Economic Development Alliance**

### **Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2017**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Matt Chatfield, Mike O'Connor, Barry Howard, Robyn Whittaker, Carmen Gumina, Ann Kowal, Greg Chambery, Chris Passero, and John Cahill

Meeting was called to order at 7:35am by Carmen Gumina

#### **Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes from February's meeting from Barry Howard second by Carmen Gumina

#### **Financial Report:**

Barry Howard has worked on the books as it was fully handed over by Pat Murray. Board approved a credit card for Matt Chatfield with a \$1000 limit from M and T Bank. Deposit entry of \$15,000 was accepted from the Town of Webster contribution. Barry Howard suggested the transfer of \$2900 from the ABC account into the main working account. John Cahill motioned to approve the financial report and second by Robyn Whittaker. Motion passed

#### **Staff Activity Summary:**

Matt Chatfield's activity report noted Xerox in final negotiations on the sale of West Campus. The Master Planning Grant would need another approx \$40,000 for the \$150,000 study and there is a possibility Xerox may contribute. Copies of the Chilled Water Study condensed version showed the Cadillac version of the Chilled Water is too expensive for our area. A smaller but similar version is possible with private funds or bonded projects so an outline of scenarios to see if there is a fit will be drafted. Matt Chatfield suggested tabling items 5 and 6 of the Agenda until Ron Nesbitt returns. Greg Chambery expressed a desire to have WEDA have a plan in place to be able to go up against groups opposing a possible economic project. He suggested the board have information released to the public ahead of any meeting providing the support of the projects and why. Letters to the planning/zoning boards at the sketch plan phase should include the board's support of the project along with the reasons behind the support. Matt Chatfield will prepare a letter with due diligence facts to present to any upcoming projects and will provide one asap for the Brittany Woods project proposed in the Village of Webster.

**Round Table:**

Chamber had a quiet month but is working with Webster Rotary for a community bike ride on May 13th. The Electronic Town Meeting went well. Barry Howard will be meeting with Ron Nesbitt and RG&E to discuss the infrastructure in West Webster's outage problems.

Ann Kowal's business is currently working with Maplewood and has purchased the Maier Heating building on Commercial St.

Robyn Whittaker stated the BID is conducting elections in the next few months and is hoping for new blood within the organization. Jazz Festival is scheduled for July 21-22nd and Friday Night Concerts will start late June.

Carmen Gumina said the school district hosted an international speaker on Internet Safety at the Middle School level and many parents turned out for the event. They will be having the speaker return as it was a success and suggestion was made to open that up to the community by joining forces with the other entities.

John Cahill gave an update on the East Main St progress with Charlie Fitzsimmons adding a possible Tex-Mex restaurant, a satellite store for Webster Interiors and shared seating between The Village Bakery and Pittsford Dairy. The vote to change the zoning of the Phillips Rd plot to allow Brittany Woods project to move forward was scheduled in Mid March.

Greg Chambery stated that he was going in front of the Village board for final approval of his expansion of Maplewood Nursing Facility that evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34am motioned by Carmen Gumina and second by John Cahill

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 6th 2017 – 7:30 A.M. / Webster Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robyn Whittaker*

Secretary, WEDA  
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