

**TOWN OF ASHFORD**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, May27, 2015**

**PRESENT:** M. Gantick, Ray Fenn, M. Chatey, G. Lawrence, R Williams

*Note: This was an "informational" meeting because the agenda too late for a regular meeting*

- 1. Call to Order - 7:48 PM**
- 2. Seating of Alternates - None**
- 3. Approval of Minutes -** Minutes for the April meeting will be approved at the next regular meeting
- 4. Budget**
  - a. Discussed remaining funds of \$650 and potential allocations. Most worthwhile would be to print EDC Buy Local brochures since they need to be updated. Margaret will look into it..
- 5. Communications and Announcements**
  - a. Announcements
    - i. Windham Chamber - Ashford Business of the Year.
      1. Williams presented the award to Westford Distillers. The Chateys, Darcy and Lawrence also attended.
  - b. News from Other Commissions
    - i. None.
  - c. ABA News
    - i. First Car show is May 28th.
    - ii. Membership continues to grow.
  - d. Correspondence and Meetings
    - i. The CERC Economic Development Workshop was on 5/21/15. The information presented was extremely timely since we are updating the POCD. CERC will send us the presentation. Unfortunately attendance was very poor. Other than EDC, there was one PZC and one BOF.
  - e. Presentations - none
- 6. Old Business**
  - a. Website Modifications (Darcy, Chatey) -
    - i. EDC website is stable and does not currently need any updates..
    - ii. OT-OF website is "live" and populated
    - iii. POCD section is operational but needs content.
  - b. Our Town Our Future (Fenn, Gantick)
    - i. Fenn reviewed the projects identified by the Core Committee
    - ii. Next Public meeting is planned for June 9th at 7:00 PM Knowlton Hall
    - iii. Public meeting will be focused on establishing teams for each of the projects.
  - c. Branch Bank Solicitation Project (Chatey, Lawrence, Williams)

- i. Meeting with Liberty went well, but there are no firm actions.
  - ii. Next bank will be Savings Institute
- d. Retail and Services Enterprise Zone
  - i. Ray brought a stack of papers, maps, and other information spanning work done over the past 15 years. It was enlightening to see all of the plans with little new to show.
  - ii. Group spent quite a bit of time discussing why and what to do different.
- e. PZC and the POCD( Williams)
  - i. The first POCD meeting was held on May 4th and a second on May 18th.
  - ii. The group is about 33% through reviewing and revising the old POCD
  - iii. The meetings are public meeting and open to anyone interested.
- f. Wagon Shed Property (Fenn, Darcy)
  - i. No discussions
- g. Buy Local Initiative - Next steps discussion
  - i. Will update the Buy Local brochure

**7. New Business**

- a. none

**8. Input From Public - none**

**9. Member Input for Next Agenda - None**

**10. Adjournment - 9:30 PM**