

Minutes
Economic Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday, January 8, 2018
8:00 AM Pomfret Senior Center

Present: N. Gardner, J. Folsom, M. Collins, C. Tracy, J. Stoddard, W. Hinchman

Guests:

Call to Order: 8:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: The December meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by M. Collins and seconded by J. Folsom. Approved.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Additions to the Agenda: Budget Request

Old Business:

- 1) Murdock Property/Selectman's Feedback of RFP for Forestry- The members discussed the Forestry Plan which was completed by Mr. Pasay. EPDC discussed the number of certified foresters in the area. A report from the BOS showed that Mr. Broderick is now retired and unable to help write the RFP. N. Gardner will reach out to Mr. Pasay if needed to see if he would be willing to write the RFP from the west coast, where he now resides.
- 2) QV Tech Park- A regional meeting should be held in February or March of 2018.
- 3) NECCOG Branding Study- We are awaiting NECCOG's quote for a branding study, some members voiced concern if a potential study would be a duplication to the Plan of Conservation and Development, while other members thought it was a good idea. The committee also wondered if a regional study would be more valuable than localized ones.

New Business:

- 1) Pomfret Proprietors- The group may be interested in support for a mailing, detail will follow.
- 2) Budget- The members discussed a number of items related to the upcoming budget including the potential costs for a timber harvest, funding for the Pomfret Proprietors, and if a branding study were to be completed who would fund it.

Citizens Statements and Petitions: None

Adjournment: 8:37 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Gardner
Chairman