

Weare Economic Development Committee Minutes - Oct. 17, 2006

The meeting opened at 7:25pm

Present: Cheryl Elliott, George Malette, Alice Morris, Jim Thompson

The August minutes were accepted as written.

Two bids were submitted to WEDC on the Welcome to Weare signs. There was discussion of quality and the possibility of more signs of the same quality in future years. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the bid by Ted Parkins, provided materials to be used are deemed suitable.

Thompson and Malette gave a synopsis of the public input session that was held Sept. 20. The topic was signs. 15-20 people attended, including members of WEDC, town officials, business people and citizens. After discussion of the input, WEDC decided to concentrate of dealing with temporary signs and supplemental signs. For the time being, builder/contractor sign regulation proposals will be postponed. It was suggested that the real estate people be encouraged to self police and limit their signs as possible. There was also a discussion of banners, how and where to display them. Banner regulation proposals will also be postponed. WEDC concluded that more public input is necessary to build consensus on the use of temporary signs.

Thompson will go to the Select Board and the Planning Board with WEDC ideas.

Thompson revealed that the Chamber of Commerce is discussing the possibility of creating a sign to feature events in the town of Weare and other information.

There was a brief presentation of the proposal of PSNH to build a substation in the middle of a large acreage off Norris Rd. With \$100,000 in taxes they will pay, and the substation well hidden from view, WEDC encourages the town to allow this project to go forward.

Frank Farmer has wanted to put up an office building near Rte. 77. Changes were requested in his plan and it is now questionable whether the office building will be built, or more houses. WEDC is concerned that instead of increasing the businesses in town, businesses are being discouraged.

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday of Nov. 21

The meeting adjourned 9:15

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Morris, secretary