Minutes of the regular meeting of Whitingham Economic Development Group (WEDG)

July 20, 2016

*These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted), at a future meeting of the Whitingham Economic Development Group*

The WEDG held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:30AM in th Town Clerk’s Office of the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville, VT

WEDG members present: Chair, Gretchen Havreluk; Members, Jenepher Burnell, and Jack Keefe.

**Call to Order. Additions or Changes to Agenda.**

Chair, Gretchen Havreluk called the meeting to order at 7:35AM. No additions to agenda. Minutes of 6/30.16 WEDG meeting were accepted as written.

**Broadband Discussion**

Estimates of expansion into under served portions of Whitingham were received from Fairpoint. Costs were estimated to be between $210,000 and $320,000. Possible avenues for incentives for VtTel and Fairpoint were discussed.

**Flood Mitigation**

Gretchen Havreluk talked with John Campbell of ANR regarding the map of the Large Storm Event Scenario. Mr. Campbell will contact with date and time for a meeting. Plans were made to invited other interested parties once meeting time has been set.

**Historical Tour Pamphlets (aka Rack Cards)**

The group discussed several changes to the copy, the pictures, and the map. Jack Keefe will edit some of the copy, and Gretchen Havreluk will work on revamping the Business Listings.

**Town Website**

The Town Selectboard approved a website committee. Jenepher Burnell will work with Gig Zboray, Selectboard Administrative Assistant, on this project. Gretchen Havreluk suggested Business and Recreation Pages to enhance the website. Jack Keefe described discussions he has had with members of the town’s historical society to use their newsletters to supplement material on the website.

**Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Gretchen Havreluk to adjourn, seconded by Jen Burnell, all in favor. Meeting was adjorned at 8:58AM.**

**Next meeting: Tuesday August 9 at 7:30AM.**