

Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 12, 2012

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman
Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman
James Horecka, Secretary
Jimmy Sheldrake
(Fifth Seat still vacant)

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone

Members of the Public

Guests

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:31 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Meredith. Second: Sheldrake. Approved: Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2012:

Motion to approve: Meredith. Second: Sheldrake. Approved: Unanimously.

Guests:

1. Dennis Green – Highway 79 Widening Project Update.
 - Project on track. Green covered various details. Announced General Public Meeting at 5:30 before the Winchester Town Meeting.

New Business:

1. Harvest Valley Community (HVC) Meeting
 - Opal Hellweg brought a Map. Advised that the Harvest Valley Town Hall meeting will be May 15th. Sheldrake plans to attend, as does Supervisor Stone. Attendees reviewed the Map that Opal brought.
 - Jeff Logan, Pres. Of the HVC, briefed us on their group and area. 90 active members meet twice a month. Started about 15 years ago. Not a part of a MAC. He reported that locals like the idea of HVC merging with WMAC. Invited us to the upcoming meeting.
 - Sheldrake queried Hellweg as to procedure. Hellweg briefed us on general steps. Noted that Sup. Stone would be looking for a demonstration of support from both communities. Community-driven.
 - Andy suggested that we have Thornhill look at the proposal. Also suggested to Cindy D. that she add an item to the agenda of an upcoming Winchester Town Association.
2. Other New Business:
 - None.

Old Business:

- A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant
 - Opal announced that Jay Orr is the new County Executive Officer.
- B. Land Use Committee Meeting - (Sheldrake)
 - Sheldrake did not attend; no report. Meredith did: Noted low attendance. Suggested that we need more time. Pushed meeting to the 23rd of April, 5:30 PM, here. Meredith noted that items discussed

were general areas of Industrial, Commercial, Hubs, Nodes, Major Roads. Next meeting will involve discussion of the Downtown area.

C. EMWD Updates - Longfellow Recycle Water Tank

- Peter Odencrans of EMWD advised us that the project is on schedule. Pipelines along Hwy 79: Contract let, fabrication underway.

D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.

- See above Guest.

E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni)

- Andy Domenigoni met with the project representative. Andy encourage him to attend our Land Use Meetings, and to discuss solar and west-side land use with us and with Gary Thornhill. As to the West End plans, MWD reportedly has no idea what they may do on the West End.
- Per Andy, Sun Edison has exercised their option to go to the next option.
- Andy noted that this is a proposal for a new power transmission line along an ROW (existing?) along Briggs Road. \$1.5M to study.

F. New MAC Member

- Deferred to later.

G. Sheriff Dept: Lieutenant Charles Wilhite

- Crime 'steady.' Discussed certain types of crime typical of areas like ours.
- Sheldrake asked if the Shooting Range is open to the public; Wilhite answered 'no.'
- Meredith inquired whether crime is different in Harvest Valley area. Wilhite said it is, partly due to higher densities along the Hwy 74 corridor.

H. Other Old Business

- None.

Open Forum:

- Andy Domenigoni mentioned that he spoke more with the representative from Soboba.
- Andy Domenigoni asked Opal to inquire whether there is any news from Cathy Bechtel.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment: WMAC Adjourned 7:25 PM.