

Weare Economic Development Committee Minutes - June 19, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:21pm

Present: Heleen Kurk, George Malette, Alice Morris, Liz Sweeney, Jim Thompson

Previous minutes were approved.

The latest meeting of the Weare Center Advisory Committee was discussed. The consensus on retail stores in the center was that was OK, on sidewalks - some yes, some no. WEDC discussed the possibility of all town-owned signs in the center looking alike in order to unify the center look. The sign for the town offices needs an upgrade and could be a start to this unifying process.

Welcome to Weare signs - two signs need upgrading and perhaps two new signs (from New Boston and from Deering) are foreseen. Jim will get bids on these.

A new business - a carwash - is coming to town. A conceptual plan is before the Planning Board. The owner seems interested in integrating with the community and in erecting a building that will blend. Should WEDC or Planning Board be looking at architectural standards? There is also the possibility of a Mobil on the Run.

Synopsis of the public input meeting on signs

- fewer people attended than last session
- need enforcement, not more rules
- need permit for temporary signs

What WEDC can do

- need to look at ordinances from other towns
- should we have only banned sign list?
- need to look at existing codes

Regional Economic Development Corporations - We should meet with both the Monadnock Corp and the Capital Corp to see which will benefit us most. They should be able to supply us with more information on grants, etc.

Kurk read excerpts of the history of WEDC

There will be no July meeting. The next meeting is August 21.

The meeting adjourned 8:40

Alice Morris, secretary