



Washington Economic Development Committee  
Meeting July 24, 2018  
Notes

**Agenda:**

> Gigabyte/Wi-Fi Service to the Depot

Insite Wireless Group, the owner of Town cell phone tower, has agreed to make the tower available to the Town to provide Wi-Fi service in the Depot. Light Tower, the provider of fiber service in Washington has merged with Crown Caste. Crown Castle has agreed to consider the WEDC request for Gigi service to the Town. Considerable progress has been achieved.

> What's Happening This Weekend

The ExploreWashingtonCT has been expanded with a Town biweekly ***What's Happening This Weekend*** email to the Town e-list (1100). Initial results have produced very opening rate. At the urging of Mark Lyon, a process will be established to insure full treatment of major Town events.

> Senior Center

With the continuing interest in refurbishing Veterans Hall as the Town senior center, the WEDC is planning a community survey to define senior services needs and commitment to the proposed refurbishment. Connecticut Community Foundation (Pathways) and CERC have been approached to support the development of the survey.

> Bee Brook PopUp Park

A signed lease with the Booths has been received at Town Hall. The WEDC discussed programming/events at the Park. With the signing, planning for enhancement (planters and picnic tables) and events will proceed.

> Young Families

An adhoc committee has been formed to define the issues and outline the processes used by young families to select a community and decide on a home. Mike Jackson has been advancing "student debt reduction" to advance the consideration of Washington as consider town and home. The Washington Housing Trust has agreed to work with the WEDC in development the "student debt" program.

> 101% Occupancy

The Town retail space is fully occupied with a "waiting list".

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## Senior Center

Issue: Define the service needs/requirements of the senior population of Washington to guide construction, service delivery and funding.

### Washington Seniors Population:

|             | 2000 | 2010 | 2015 | 2025 | % Chge 2000 – 2025 (One Generation) |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Median Age  | 43   | 50   | 52   | 57   | 33%                                 |
| 65 & over   | 569  | 735  | 864  | 1019 | 79%                                 |
| % 65 & over | 16%  | 21%  | 25%  | 32%  | Doubled                             |

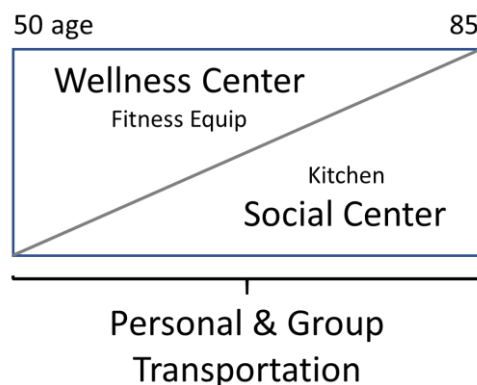
Process:

- > Establish an Adhoc working committee
- > Develop a “working Plan”
- > Survey/report to the community

Target Date: May 2019

Enlisted Support – Working Plan – Connecticut Community Foundation/Aging Population (funding?). Survey – CERC

Survey: Services -> Activities -> Facilities -> Location





# Where to live!

It's not about lifestyle...It's about creating a style of life for you and your family

