



Washington Economic Development Committee Notes
Tues, April 16, 2019

Notes:

> Wifi in the Depot – Update – Jay Hubelbank

\$35K allocated to 2019 - 2020 Town Capital Budget, \$20K for antenna to bring Wifi to The Depot. The balance to establish and develop the business/maintenance component. Recently approached by Frontier and Spectrum. They provide advantage running the business/service aspects. July is the target date for resolution/project initiation with full deployment by end of year.

> Adult Services – Update – Dan Sherr

Distributed a short-version of the Woodbury 2018 Conversation with the Community Update. Town authorized CERC Survey Monkey e-survey of the community. Survey May with results/report late June. The Steering Committee will be meeting with the Senior Center Advisors at their May meeting – Tues, May 14th. Tony Bedini indicated he has been updating the Advisors.

> WAA – Sculpture in the Depot & Titus Park – Peter Talbot

Peter Talbot reviewed the 2018 Sculpture Walk project indicating a WAA commitment to continuing the initiative in 2019 and 2020, but at a different scale. The creation of Titus Park was highlighted with a request to “formalize” the protection of Titus as a Town Park thru 2020. Peter asked if there were metrics available to assess/demonstrate the economic impact of the 2018 Sculpture Walk. Lisa Stein indicated there is no formal process to measure the effect. Mark Lyon indicated that the Town strongly supported the Walk with the refurbishing of the old-town-garage and suspected that continuing support would be available in 2020. A draft letter of 2019 – 2020 Town support will be developed for review by the WEDC with intended transmission to the WAA Board.

> Bee Brook Park – Update - Dan Sherr

The annual \$1.00 Town lease has been signed with Lauren & Mark Booth. A new mural – Shrine – and a “Gamelatron” sound installation in a prefab green house will be made for the May – Sept period. Early conversations/plans for a regional bicycling “center” are underway with the Litchfield Hills Cycling Club. Portable toilet, water and maps are planned for cycling events.

> Sustainability – Update – Jay Hubelbank

Jay Hubelbank reported Washington has made considerable progress with the State SustainableCT “modeled” initiative. SustainableCT identified 10 Actions with a scoring method to encourage/allow Towns to assess “current state” and develop future program. Scoring produces a certification level which establishes the basis for demonstrating progress. Additionally, it encourages regional collaboration among participating town.

> 2014 POCD – Mid-term Review-Update – Tim Cole

Tim Cole, a member of the Planning Commission introduced a Mid-course (5 Years) update to the 2014 POCD. Each Town Commission/Committee is provided with a listing of their strategies from the POCD with a request to provide a brief documentation of deliverables to date. The Update will be reported to the Town in July/July. The WEDC will provide an update and review progress at the May WEDC meeting. The WEDC Update will be posted to the Municipal EDC site.

> Proposed Residential Event Zoning

Jay Hubelbank expressed an interest in the WEDC's consideration of the Proposed Temporary Commercial Event Zoning Regulations. The proposal seeks to maintain the "peace & quiet" of the Town's residential zones. No public hearing is scheduled. It was suggested that it might be appropriate for the WEDC to provide a perspective as part of the process. A draft memo will be generated for review by the WEDC at the May meeting.