



Washington Economic Development Committee
Tues, Oct 8, 2019 Meeting

Notes:

> Wi-Fi in the Depot – Jay Hubelbank provided an update via email. Tapping into the Washington Primary School’s Wi-Fi line will not affect the School’s “E Rate” which gives the Town the OK to move ahead.

> Young Families – Introduced by Michael Jackson, Julie King, a seasoned Town realtor and remarkable marketing planner, reviewed the current situation in detail. See the attached. The goal is to frame an operating plan and conduct a first-round assessment during the Spring 2020 buying season - Feb/Mar - June 2020. The target date for the initial draft of the plan has been set for mid-November.

> Adult Services – Update/Next Steps – Dan Sherr – Rescheduled for November 2019 WEDC meeting

> Zoning – Wayne Hileman – Rescheduled to the November 2019 WEDC meeting

> Bee Brook Park – 2020 – Rescheduled to the November 2019 WEDC meeting

> Washington Schools – Organized Outreach to the Community – Fran Keilty reviewed a meeting with Megan Bennett, Superintendent of R12 Schools, outlining opportunities/events to more directly involve students from the five Washington schools with the community. The meeting was initiated by the schools with the goal of providing additional learning experiences for the students but also to introduce the community at large to the students.

> POCD Update – Time Cole, a member of the Planning Commission, updated the WEDC on the mid-course progress of the 2014 Washington Plan of Conservation and Development. Indicating that to date, the results are mixed. However, the WEDC, newly formed at the launch of the 2014 Plan, has advanced the POCD on a number of fronts at both the Town and Region level. See the attached.

Discussion resurfaced the recommendation of the 2014 POCD Plan to fund/recruit a Washington Economic Development Director. Agreement was reached to proceed with the goal of presenting candidates for the position by June 2020.