

**Waterbury Community Development Committee  
Minutes of January 11, 2006**

Present: Carol O'Neill, Chairperson, Ted Schultheis, Mary Miller, Ken Feld, Missy Parks and Mildred Badger

Absent: Steve VanEsen

The Meeting began at 6:10 pm.

Carol informed the Committee Paul Costello would join us at 7:30 to meet with the joint municipal boards to inform us that Waterbury was not chosen for a Community Visit in 2006 and to suggest that VCRD act as mediator/facilitator for discussing merger, etc.

The Committee reviewed the 2006 budget and proposed changes were made to the budget. The justification for the web site budget is not complete. Missy will send information to Milly. Milly will follow up with Bill S. on the budget.

The Committee decided to award a web page for WCDC's prize at the Community Fair in March.

Mary shared with the Committee that folks in the Travel and Tourism industry could not attend the Legislative Breakfast last year because of work conflicts. She asked if the Committee would consider changing the meeting day and time. Ken suggested we try for a luncheon, perhaps on a Monday, when the Legislators are not in session. After much discussion, it was decided to keep the current time frame. Milly will call GMCR to see if we can hold the breakfast there again this year. Two other locations were suggested if we cannot secure the space at GMCR. The Committee decided to hold the Legislative Breakfast on Monday March 13, 2006 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am. Mary will contact the Rotary Club and the Tourism Council to see if they would be willing to co-sponsor with us again this year. Invited guests will be our legislators, Town and Village Officials as well as local businesses.

On a motion by Mary Miller and seconded by Ken Feld, the minutes of the November 16, 2005 meeting were approved.

Missy volunteered to be WCDC's representative on the Downtown Designation Committee.

Ken Feld gave the Committee an update on the Train Station Renovations as WCDC's delegate on the project.

The Exit 10 monthly business articles were discussed and the Committee Members agreed on their assignments for the next four months.

Ken, Steve and representatives from the State of Vermont Credit Union toured several locations in and around Waterbury as possible relocation sites for the Credit Union. Although the interest was high, they received no feedback to date. The Committee suggested we ask Steve for an update on local available business locations at our next morning meeting.

Carol will ask the Town Manager for an update on the Revolving Loan Fund activity and balance. It was suggested we get a quarterly update so we can keep abreast of current and future amounts available for loans to local businesses. Also discussed was the idea of developing a more defined relationship with Community Capital with regard to potential loan applications.

Ken asked Milly to remind the Committee via e-mail of our meeting dates.

The 'basket project' was discussed, but no decision was made as to how to implement. We will discuss at a later date.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s Mildred Badger

Secretary, WCDC