

Bi-Town Economic Development Committee
Thursday March 5, 2015 8:00-9:00 AM
Wilmington Town Offices

Attendance: Ryan Holton, Ken Black, Adam Grinold, Heidi Taylor, Gretchen Havreluk, Randy Terk, Laura Sibilica, Pat Weisbrich,

Call to Order: Wilmington Town Offices, 8:08 AM

Minutes Approval: Heidi Taylor, motion; Randy Terk, 2nd; Passed Unanimously.

Improve Search Results for Valley

- Use of Chamber Website
- Define scope of marketing project
- Hire a marketing firm to market valley via the chamber website
- Economic Development dollars from both towns to pay for marketing firm

Increased Bandwidth

- Randy Terk and Ken Black met with Cliff Duncan to explore increasing bandwidth to 100 Mbps down/up
- Current infrastructure of Duncan Cable has 2 sizes of fiber.
- Other providers include Fairpoint Communications and Sovernet
- Fairpoint's bandwidth top out at 25 Mbps
- Update map of fiber and coaxial connections from Duncan Cable
- Identify what areas need increases initially
- Develop cost and timetable to implement

Customer Service Training

- Develop training curriculum for manufacturing jobs
- Implement in middle and high schools
- Use of Vermont Tech

Updates

- Wilmington
 - West Main Street Sidewalk Improvement
 - Funds through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Dover
 - BMW Commercial
 - State countersigned 2 additional sidewalk grants
- BDCC
 - Economic Development Pitch Spots, March 9, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM
 - Briefly pitch economic development ideas to state legislators

Next Meeting: April 2nd, 8 AM – 9 AM, Wilmington Town Offices

Meeting Adjournment, 9:10 AM, Heidi Taylor, motion; Randy Terk, 2nd; passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Ken Black