



## Town of Windham

### Economic Development Department

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To: Windham Town Council

From: Thomas Bartell, Director of Economic Development

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Re: MEREDA Conference attendance review.

On Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>, a group of six representative, including members of the Windham Economic Development Corporation, a Windham Town Councilor, Town of Windham Staff, and Department Heads attended, and manned the WEDC/Town of Windham booth at the MEREDA Annual Forecast Conference and Member Showcase in Portland. Our booth reflected two of our Economic Development Strategic Plan areas of focus, the North Windham Downtown, and Windham Outdoors. MEREDA, the Maine Real Estate and Development Association, is Maine's premier real estate development advocacy and educational group. Attending for Windham were:

Tom Bartell, Economic Development Director

Lisa Fisher, Planning and Economic Development Assistant

Dustin Roma, Engineer and WEDC Board Member

Dave Nadeau, Windham Town Councilor

Steve Puleo, Town Planning Director

Joshua Houde, Assessor

Roger Cropley, Communications Director

As with any conference there were several keynote addresses and breakout sessions, this year we were asked to provide information specific to the work we are doing here in Windham to be presented at the Regional Outlook session. During the session, the following information slide was presented by the panel moderator as she discussed our conversations about all the great developments happening in Windham. Back at our booth, and as members of our team went about the conference, we were pleased by the number of conference attendees who were becoming more aware of what we are doing in Windham, particularly in the North Windham Downtown area, to make us ready for continued development opportunities.



## **Public Infrastructure Improvements**

- \$61,000,000 new sewer system
  - Serving 100 business and multifamily buildings
- \$30,000,000 in Route 302 Corridor Road and Traffic Improvements
  - New local access roads
  - Pedestrian and bike improvements
  - Roadway design and signalization improvements
- \$12,000,000 Public facilities, parks and greenspace investment
- \$38,000,000 Federal, State, and County investments including:
  - Congressional Delegation/US DOT
  - Maine DOT/Maine DEP/SRF
  - Cumberland County
- \$65,000,000 Local Investment

## **Approved and Planned Private Investments**

- \$215,000,000 in new private development investment
- 370 multifamily homes approved, under construction, or completed
- 446 multifamily homes pending approval
- 1 hotel pending approval
- 48 affordable senior homes approved

# Windham Economic Development Corp.

