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Posting: Main st does it with out city help	Posting 1
Poster: meehan	
Date: 13 September 2005 8:56 PM	
<p>Although we lost Geanies Golden Dip on Main St. We had a plan and the space was rented before she left. Good luck to you Jeanie after 20 years on main street only one selectman ever entered her shop.</p> <p>Carlos will expand his shop, (the former Tony's Barbara shop) We are also working with two out of stater's coming to town. The private sector is on the move.</p> <p>Look for the large new church to occupy a three story building in the near future.</p> <p>We will continue to bring shoppers and out of towners to the city. William "PHD" Meehan Billmeehan@meehanrealty.com 824 Main St. Willimantic</p>	
Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help	Posting 2
Poster: tmillerd	
Date: 14 September 2005 11:16 AM	
<p>Bill how do you know only one Selectmen ever went in to her shop?</p>	
Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help	Posting 3
Poster: mammabear	
Date: 14 September 2005 11:28 AM	
<p>Bill... If you are suggesting that a church is going to occupy a 3-story building on Main Street, I'm not impressed. I have nothing against churchs... I attend the church of my choice regulary. I just don't think that churches belong in Main Street store fronts.</p>	
Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help	Posting 4
Poster: meehan	
Date: 15 September 2005 6:56 AM	
<p>The town leaders are not business friendly at all to many of the city building owners. My sale was closed down on tuesday. Walter P took away 15 parking spaces three years ago and it took over one year to get the spaces back with out His help. churches do not cause problems and they pay the rent. Unfortunately the do not pay taxes when they own the buildings but that is what our leaders seem to want. The Fleet foster building is a case in point, The Waim building is an other example of the towns thinking, they do not pay taxes either. Sam Gorden wanted to sell the building but the town officials made all potential buyers feel so uncomfortable that they lost interest and purchased in Norwich.</p> <p>We need a change in leadership and dept heads Some</p>	
Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help	Posting 5
Poster: mammabear	
Date: 15 September 2005 7:39 AM	
<p>Change is needed and in November, the voters will have an oppportunity to vote for change.</p>	
Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help	Posting 6
Poster: Henry George	
Date: 15 September 2005 8:24 AM	
<p>Of course change is needed, but in our electoral system incumbents are virtually impossible to oust. Also, the in-fighting and blood letting in the local Democratic party is no where near as bad as in the local Republican party, which threw Keely to the wolves on Tuesday.</p> <p>More of Mikey I'm afraid.</p> <p>So I would say to Billy and Mamma -- get used to the idea</p>	
Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help	Posting 7
Poster: mammabear	
Date: 15 September 2005 10:52 AM	

I don't understand your logic in saying that Keely was "thrown to the wolves".

The RTC's nominating committee went through a specific process to come up with its slate of candidates to be on the ballot in November. Following that, local republicans adopted that slate at its caucus without any dissention from the floor when an opportunity for discussion was presented. Keely chose to primary, which was completely within her rights to do, and registered republican voters made their choice.

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: Meehan the business man  
 Date: 15 September 2005 10:53 AM

Posting 8

Henry, Keely is wonderful and is a good worker. She just was not far to the Willimantic taxpayers with the pilot funds. that is the only difference. She is wonderful and will I trust run again.

Harry will make a difference. He is honest, a worker, smart, has guts. and will work with the people. He will work with business, mills, tenants, and in general clean house.

He is a gem and we need him. He is married and has a wonderful wife.  
 Henry we need your vote and ten of your friends. and out the window the old guard will go

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: William Brainard  
 Date: 15 September 2005 11:28 AM

Posting 9

On another note, Coventry just lost a church. The Anglican Church of England rented the Coventry Grange Hall three years ago. It brought much needed money to the struggling grange whose members now average age 84. A month ago the Anglicans were all excited because they found a church and parsonage in Manchester which they could purchase reasonably and was within the flock's budget. So, the poor grangers have lost their money maker though the church people did a world of good to the old grange hall which, by the way, was the ancient Brookdale Academy founded in 1834. So, folks, Coventry is more than Nathan Hale country or a place where people defeat budget referendums. We're going for a fifth budget vote sometime in October. The November election will be a report card on these idiotic council members in the town of Coventry, not to mention its board of education. They KNOW what's best for us! Ha, the "moms" weren't happy campers the day of our last referendum when Shrub upped the price of a barrel of oil and the SUVs were gobbling a hundred dollars a tankful. Poor dears!

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: John Monaghan  
 Date: 15 September 2005 12:25 AM

Posting 10

Henry, your correct, the power of incumbancy is awsome and being used effectively in our hamlet.

Just last week our town engineer was all over the news when he announced that he underestimated the road paving budget. All of a sudden there was enough money left over to pave another mile of road. Significant? You bet, seeing they had budgeted for two miles. The budget process was off by 33%. Its hard to believe that even this town could be off by that much and its harder to believe that asphalt products have decreased in price as it is a petroleum based product.

This courtesy of the same person that brought Main St its non- street lights.

I'm hearing that the boys are sitting on \$4 million that was bonded and approved by the state in July. This money is to be used to partially bail out the mills. Why no news? People have a short memory.. Want to bet we will learn of this joyous gift on or about Oct 15th?

While I am saddened by Keilly losing I'm thrilled for The Republican Party.  
 Keilly is no friend of Willimantic when it comes to the pilot funds but she's a bright articulate person and one of the very few who can beat Walter next year. I hope there is a mending process between her and Harry after Nov 8th but I fear she was beaten so badly it won't happen.

The Republican Party is coming into its own, maturing and gaining repectability. I had my doughts initially but so far so good, Harry is pulling the right strings.

I think Tuesday's vote was extremely significant. Its shows that the Party can get out the vote and more importantly it shows that people are sick of hum drum government. It also presents the very possibility that the finance board can be stacked with City residence and thus a reallocation of the pilot funds.

Dissention in the Republic Party? Four old timers afraid of change tell their problems to the media instead of their party. Maybe a bump because of the party's infancy, nonthing more. They'll be back helping to make us all better.

And don't forget Henry an incumbant can lose, look at Keilly

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: bill

Posting 11

Date: 18 September 2005 10:19 PM

Bear, what ideas do you have if not a church, or social services agency. what can you offer. Unlike unethical Oberon, I make a difference and build business not destroy them . Give me an idea of the buildings i am renting. thanks

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: mammabear  
 Date: 19 September 2005 6:52 AM

Posting 12

It would be great if we could have a real men's shop in Willimantic again. I would also like to see a women's specialty shop, similar to Jennel's (not sure of the spelling), Country Squire or Fullerton Fournier. We lost the Ridges, and I wouldn't expect anything that big, but a place to by fabric and yarn besides Wal-Mart would be nice.

What we really need is leadership in Town Hall with some guts and some vision.

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: mammabear  
 Date: 19 September 2005 8:12 AM

Posting 13

Your response is a perfect example of the lack of drive and vision that has existed in Town Hall for years. If what you say is true... Why does Danielson still have several little shops on its Main Street...? Have you told Mystic and Norwich about this? Mystic has plenty of shops in its downtown and Norwich is rapidly rebuilding and reopening storefronts in its downtown riverfront area. OH! And don't forget to tell Mansfield. They are in the process of developing their own downtown.

And BTW... I hate malls. I only go to our mall when I absolutely have to. A recent quick stop at JCPenny (I was there for less than 15 minutes) I haven't been to East Brook Mall in years.

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: bill meehan  
 Date: 19 September 2005 9:25 AM

Posting 14

I have helped to open several business in town. My daughter wanted the WIP building and Paulhus killed the deal. He lacks leadership, vision, and courage to make a good choice. She attended the University of Vermont at Burlington. That city's Main Street is or could be Willimantic's Main Street with the river.

I gave Paulhus a plan to develop the Tin Sin, Meehan and YMCA building and he never gave it to the town planner. James Finger did not know Heather Meehan wanted to develop the WIP building. She had 12 artists and business ready to move in. Paulhus went with a flying carpet. He should just leave.

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: Ted Perch  
 Date: 19 September 2005 10:27 AM

Posting 15

Read your regional newspapers you'll learn a lot: Danielson merchants have been complaining and bemoaning the lack of trade in their downtown blocks just like Willimantic; there is a major mall going up in Dayville at a Rt. 395 exit. (accessibility is key) downtown Danielson will empty out just like Main St.; Mystic has the draw of several major tourist attractions (Seaport, Aquarium) the waterfront and monied summer residents that bring in tourists year round; Norwich is getting a major influx of both casino and state economic development monies, downtown Norwich only escaped the bulldozers because the casinos opened up. The state even gave the Otis Library 8\$ million dollars in economic development funds to build a new public library; The 1938 Hurricane pretty much destroyed New London and only now, 68 yrs later, is New London just now recovering economically. Jilson Square theatres have gone bankrupt several times because we would rather drive to Manchester or Lisbon for movies. And for years, the locals in Mansfield blocked any attempt to develop a coherent business section in Storrs. Only when UConn provided the site somewhat out of local control has the so called downtown project gained traction. Development along Rt. 195 in Tolland took off because the Mansfield regulars didn't want businesses located in Storrs. Colchester, Marlborough and Hebron enjoy the fruits of Rt 2 and an educated professional population that got priced out of the Hartford area and found nearly empty towns to build homes and businesses in; the Camera Center moved to Colchester from Main St. It's where the people and the incomes are. Development in cities like Northampton and Amherst has taken nearly 40 yrs to perfect. The Windham region is relatively isolated, geographically and transportation wise from the near and the far. It's literally downhill, on dangerous two lane roads, Rt 66 and Rt 32 from here to Norwich, Middletown, Manchester. The residents of Coventry have consistently voted to block Rt 384 extending to Windham, and concentrate their businesses along Rt 44 close to the end of Rt 384. They like it just fine. What do you all need Rt 6 for when we can get to Vernon and Manchester on Rt 31, no sweat. When I worked in Thompson a regional planner from Gardner Mass told us to expect it to take 25 to 30 yrs for a community dependent on a single industry to recover from its loss and build a new base. It's going to take some more time for Windham to outgrow its past.

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: mammabear  
 Date: 19 September 2005 10:33 AM

Posting 16

You have all the research tools at your disposal, and I'm sure you are right about the fact the Windham/Willimantic has a long road ahead before it is out of the woods. But recent and current administrations have not even tried to point us in the right direction.

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
 Poster: rd  
 Date: 19 September 2005 11:43 AM

Posting 17

What is the status of the Final Report, " A Sense of Direction for the Development of the Downtown Area" dated Dec. 28, 2004 (see

[report at www.windhamct.com](http://www.windhamct.com))

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
Poster: meehan  
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Posting 18

Thread city music is moving, however, we have several interested in the space. We do the networking and it works. Would like to get my hands on the mills.

Posting: Re: Main st does it with out city help  
Poster: Dagmar Noll  
Date: 19 September 2005 4:58 PM

Posting 19

mammabear -

I get fabric at Quilter's Dream on Main.

My hunt for a yarn store ended when I discovered Rockinghorse Farms on Rt. 6 in Chaplin. It is a small store, but their threads are much higher quality than what Wal-Mart carries, and even Joann's, Michael's, A.C.Moore and other craft stores with large varieties don't carry this stuff.

If I need something high quality that Rockinghorse Farms doesn't have, I have to make a real trip out, though.

Dagmar