

**Tamworth Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Notes**

**February 9, 2021 via Zoom, 6 PM**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *The Tamworth Economic Development Commission will develop a strategy for the retention, growth and attraction of businesses in Tamworth. The Commission should be charged with:*

- *Supporting and maintaining the existing business base of our town and promoting a climate friendly to new business.*
- *Identifying the specific types of businesses that match the character of Tamworth*
- *Making realistic recommendations to the town to enable (the well being and) growth of its existing business base and its citizens. (Retain and promote existing business and attract new businesses to the town.)*
- *Coordinating town economic development activities with surrounding towns and utilize regional and state resources.*

6:02....Call to Order

Attending John, Pat, Laura, Wyatt, Kelly joined at 6:05

6:03....Public Comment:

Lynne Kearney, 8 year resident, joining to learn more about the organization and its role

6:05... Approval of Minutes for 01.2021 meeting

John,Y Pat,Y Laura,Y Wyatt,Y

6:07....Financial Update: John, 2021 budget – there are no changes since the last meeting with the exception of some small spending on printing to support ERZ marketing

6:10 ...Old Business, Topics and committees

1. **Job search on TVC: publicizing on Exchange and/or laminated card**

2. **ERZ update:** Pat; State request for identifying available properties to support potential new business

Acknowledge Wyatt for his working identifying 20 acres for a potential new business

Light manufacturing plant, “green business, 300 employees, currently located in Mass. / % relocating = >5%

Ambrose Brothers has 3 lots along Rt. 25, Pat and Wyatt showed the lots to the NH Department of Economic Development individual seeking property for the business owner (lives in Madison)

100,000 Sq Ft facility to be built

Possible regional influence

Marketing @ the Farmers Market on 1/23/21: Appreciated Wyatt for attending the event and staffing the booth to hand out the updated business listings and the ERZ flyer

3. **Elevate EcDev Web site** to one also allowing access by Wyatt, John, and Abby

Determined Kimball was needed for this discussion so tabled until he can be present at a meeting.

6:20... New Business

1. **Review and vote on change suggestions for TEDC Mission Statement**

No additional changes from the group.

Many thanks to John and Laura for their work on this!

Motion to accept change to new Mission and publish the following new Mission Statement:

Pat 1<sup>st</sup>, Wyatt 2<sup>nd</sup>

John, Y Pat, Y Laura, Y Wyatt, Y Kelly, Y

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*The Tamworth Economic Development Commission should strive to attract, grow, and retain businesses in Tamworth. The Commission is charged with the following responsibilities (Revised & Adopted 2/2021):*

**1. Supporting new and existing businesses:**

- Promoting a supportive climate and required resources attractive to business.
- Coordinating and hosting town economic development events with local businesses, professionals, and organizations.
- Supporting the local employment base

**2. Helping to enable business growth:**

- Making realistic recommendations to the town that enable the well-being and growth of its business base.
- Identifying and partnering on other initiatives supportive of strong core business capabilities.

**3. Coordinating regionally to support the town's business base:**

- Coordinating town economic development activities with surrounding towns
- Working with regional and state resources, programs and initiatives to support the town's business base.

**4. Educating and enhancing opportunity awareness for local businesses leaders:**

- Identifying local, state, or federal initiatives and/or programs available to enable local business success.
  - Hosting economic development events to help publicize and educate business leaders on opportunities that can support the health and wellbeing of the town's business base.
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**2. Discuss: Masterplan EcDev revision**

Laura and John

- Desired outcomes > A more positive tone, include chart/graph of past accomplishments/success, updated/relevant data, aligned with mission statement, look to the future and what we want to be doing

□□ New sections:

1. "As of" established ... brief history and current structure/role
2. Updated Mission Statement
3. Accomplishments to date
4. Relevant data and realities
5. 2020 Business survey data
6. Appendix > as items are updated over time, old versions/content can be referenced here

- ☐☐Validate that the "3 realities" listed on page 107 are still valid and if not eliminate/update
- ☐☐Accomplishment charts will become the Annual Report for 2020
- ☐☐Wyatt will work from business listing to eliminate redundancy
- ☐☐Laura and John will continue to work on this and bring back an updated draft to the March meeting

6:40... Land use possibilities at end of Gregg's Way

Scott Aspinall has 4 acres that follows the river

General discussion points:

Pat - Please watch Communities and Consequences II on YouTube, especially near end with ideas from the town of Bradford; Pat has a desire to attract younger people; could this land be used to provide a communal space, like the Community School?

Acknowledged that there is no desire for industry development along the river

Could there be a Daily Farmers Market?

Housing? Must consider the town septic is maxed out, fines are happening

Do we know what Scott would like to see? What is his vision for the use of the land? We should understand this vision and then support the economic piece of it

Kelly – Commented on Makers Space in Wolfeboro, shared spaces

7:00... Public Comment – Lynne Kearney:

"The meeting was informative... pleased to hear the housing concerns are being considered and discussed ... you are tracking some big issues."

7:06... Motion to Adjourn

John 1<sup>st</sup>Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>

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