

TEDC Meeting

March 6, 2023

6:12 call to order.

Present: Matt Griffin, Pat Farley, Rich Collins, Wyatt Berrier (phone)

Excused: Laura Pike, Kelly Goodson

Meeting brought to order at 6:16.

1. Rich discussed current state of TEDC website and Pat thanked him for his initiative on keeping the website up to date.
2. All commissions and committees may need to record or post meetings live in the future. It may be something this commission would consider with the Owl device.
3. It was suggested that Rich consult with Emily at the Town Office to help promote TEDC business listings and our TEDC website and that he also post on the Exchange requesting any business updates.
4. Next forum: Passing property on to children and selecting best business structure for entrepreneurs. When to do it?

Early August was suggested because summer people are in town who may be seeking estate planning information for their children or a charitable land transfer. A panel format was discussed made up of 4-5 individuals: Laura Pike as moderator/panelist; Harry Pike; a local lawyer; and a rep. of CLC (perhaps Alex Moot).

5. Homeless situation – the situation of homeless individuals in Tamworth was brought to TEDCs attention by Kelly at our last meeting. We aren't sure what to do at this time.
6. Community Gardens – First step is infrastructure. Referring to the open field next to Stoney Brook Sawyers (the old Monkey Trunks), Matt Griffin (land owner) explained how he will establish the infrastructure by setting up the community garden by providing water, raised beds, etc. but no mounds) in order to create a simple start for people. This will be free to early applicants. Each bed is 4x8 in theory.

Marketing plan: Who wants to take advantage of free water and free raised beds??!!

Regulations will exist on soil and pesticides. There will be a Pollinator area. Also

Composting and Public garden area. It will be a "Practical organic" space in that there will be an attempt to keep bad things out and allow only "clean" compost/etc.

TEDC is really excited about this plan since we have been advocating for such an area for several years. People who wish to have a sustainable garden for their family can finally have a place for that garden!

Announcement of the garden should be ready in a couple of weeks (Matt/Wyatt)

How it benefits Tamworth:

Stage 1 in 2023: Free access to a place to grow a family's own food to ensure a healthy diet and/or reduce food costs for their family. This is especially for people who don't have any land (apartment/renter dwellers) or people having inadequate space, bad soil or little water who wish to grow their own healthy produce.

Stage 2 in 2024: a stand to sell surplus produce

stage 3 in 2025: work toward a year round event.

Cost free use of land to grow food for Tamworth citizens. Any excess food could be donated to food banks or charities.

7. Other board members needed. Any ideas?
8. Street fair - someone is interested in working it but not leading it (Amy).
9. Officers - it was discussed that there could/should be a succession plan in place for when any Commissioner steps down. Wyatt and Laura were suggested as Co-chairs.. Potential roster might be: Laura, Chair; Wyatt V-Chair; Matt & Laura, Treas.; Rich, Webmaster; Select Board rep. TBD; Pat, Commissioner at large; Alternates: Kelly Goodson and Mary Phelps. Recording Secretary role would alternate until one named.
10. Motion to approve minutes : Matt. Second rich. Unanimous vote to accept.
11. Motion to adjourn by Matt. Seconded by Rich. Unanimous approval.

Next meeting, April 11