Tamworth Economic Development Commission
September 14, 2021 Minutes

Call to Order, 6:06
Present: Pat Farley, Kelly Goodson, Wyatt Berrier, Lynn Kearney, Mary Phelps (Alternate) and Laura Pike by phone.
John Ferreira excused absence

Meeting opened at 6:06
Mary Phelps to sit in for John
Motion: Pat Farley, Wyatt B. 2nd All in Favor

No public comment

Approval of July Minutes (no August meeting)
Motion: Pat Farley, Wyatt Berrier 2nd, All in Favor

Finance update
No changes with the budget

ERZ Discussion
Need to get posters printed and up around town

Business After Hours
Bring in HUB 66 to Tamworth for discussion of broadband access
Invite Carroll County Broadband group to enhance discussions
Invite companies that this could benefit
Explore the option of utilizing the Town House for the event
All in agreement that this is a good plan
Consider early December as a time for this event

Review of other After Hour events for 2021/2022
Agreement that all were still solid options

Brochure discussion
A BIG THANK YOU to John Ferreira for his work on revamping the brochure. We all agreed that he did an outstanding job updating.
Board motion that we spend 816.00 on 1,000 brochures for distribution
Motion- Kelly Goodson, 2nd Wyatt Berrier, All in Favor

Pop-up location discussion

Option for a place - Union Hall might be ideal. We need to touch base with Randall to see if this is an option moving forward.

Discussion ensued about how we can connect and help others in the community to ensure success when opening or having a business in Tamworth. Kelly mentioned that Lynn Askew at Momma Bear Corner Store has been having issues regarding her business, in particular with the State and the regulations around the proximity to the river and what she can and can't offer in the store. Mary brought up another-local business that needs to expand and the option of GIII. That location has in-ground gas tanks and could also have issues because it is close to a river. Mary is going to reach out to that business and suggest she connect with the owner of Momma Bear Corner Store to discuss the challenges that she has incurred. Pat Farley will be stopping by to see Lynn at Momma Bear to see if there is any assistance we can provide.

The discussion also included the potential benefits of having someone local who could assist the town, businesses and the TEDC with grant writing experience. A suggestion was made that Pat post on the Tamworth Exchange to see if there is anyone that may be interested in helping out if there is a need.

LRPC - Pat brought up that the next Commissioner meeting has to do with boat wakes and didn't feel we needed the new Commissioners to be there since this is not an issue in Tamworth. Pat is going to reach out to excuse Kelly and Wyatt but she will attend as a board member to represent the town.
Adjournment 6:44
Motion Wyatt Berrier, 2nd Kelly Goodson. All in favor
Next meeting, October 12, 2021