

Tamworth Economic Development Commission

Minutes 5/10/22

Called to order 6:09 PM

Attendance: Pat Farley, Kelly Goodson, Mary Phelps, Lynn Kearney, Pat Farley, John Ferreira, Laura Pike (via phone)

Approval of minutes of April, 2022

1st motion - Wyatt Berrier

2nd - Kelly Goodson

Abstain - Lynn Kearney, Laura Pike (not in attendance prior meeting)

Discussion of broadband forum:

Pat learned that Mary at Cook Library advised that Tuesdays are usually a good day to utilize the library for a forum.

Pat shared a letter from Fidium (fiber optics) regarding the status of broadband in the area from their perspective.

TEDC would utilize zoom and record the session so it would be able to be shared/viewed after the forum. The goal would be to have some representation from the service providers. Timeline would be 6:00-7:30pm. John suggested having the ability to utilizing polling options within the Zoom application.

Format

Introduction

Providers/Information

Conclusion

Q&A session

John will create a template of questions for the services providers. Members of the commission will reach out to the service providers to see if they would be willing to participate in the forum sometime during the summer months. If not, the TEDC will be able to utilize the questions that we have on hand to have consistent information for the PowerPoint presentation.

Invites-TEDC member responsible for contacting:

Spectrum - Laura P

Hughes Net - John

Starlink - John

Fidium - Pat

Consolidated - Lynn

Hub 66 - Pat

Dish Net - Mary

Pat received a call from a group regarding groundwater protection. They were looking at hosting a forum and were looking for TEDC participation/assistance. Kelly mentioned past ground water protection discussions that have happened in the town. Currently we have no water protection in place in Tamworth.

We all felt it is a very important issue, however we felt it was not in our wheelhouse to be involved at this time. Pat will respond to the organization to advise them of our thoughts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16.

Action items:

Commissioners will contact broadband service providers

Next meeting: June 14