

**Tamworth Economic Development Commission**  
**(Draft) Minutes**  
**May 13, 2021 at WhiteFace Hollow**

*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.*

6:00....**Call to Order**.....

6:01...(Wyatt to replace Laura and Mary Phelps to replace Amy).

6:02....**Elect new Alternate..**

Voted positive to recommend Lynn Kearney to an Alternate position

6:05....**Public comment**...none

6:07... **Approved Minutes of March and April meetings**

6:10....**Financial Update:** ... no change

#### **6:12...Old Business, Topics and committees**

- A.** Job search on TVC website...discussed smoothing out search by employees; and arranging publicity on the Exchange.....Wyatt, John, Pat
- B.** ERZ update: Marketing plans for 2021 (this on as a reminder each month!)
- C.** Instead of Street Fair, we discussed what events to promote business in Tamworth:
  - 1.** Mary's idea of Business of the Month with Lynn's idea of Business After Hours. "TEDC Celebrates Tamworth Business," to occur every other month. Procedure: Consult Street Fair Vendor list; establish locations, as well as dates and hours. Board discussed format and publicity, etc.
  - 2.** Suggestion to add BNI(Business Network International) to connect similar business genres.
  - 3.** Have about half an hour of facilitated discussion of 3-4 questions?
- D.** Forum ideas for 2021, prioritized from suggestions offered with timetable
  - 1.** What is best business format for you?..LLC, etc. Laura and Harry Pike
  - 2.** How to pass your business down to your children.
  - 3.** Bring together new businesses in town.
  - 4.** Host a 'free form' of what do people want.

#### **6:50... New Business**

- A.** Reformat our past visitors brochure and print some..as well as more Business directories
- B.** Cook Library having a "Welcome to Newcomers" on Saturday afternoon, June 19, 2-4 pm.  
-We will have a table and will need volunteers to set up, take down and man it with me!  
Wyatt?  
(Lynn offered to help some but she doing Barnstormer table)

#### **6:55... Public Comment...**

#### **7:00 ... Action items and Adjournment**

**Next meeting, June 8, location TBD**