TAMWORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Draft Minutes, June 8, 2021

Meeting called to order @ 6:03

Present: Pat Farley, Chair; Lynn Kearney, as Recorder; and Kelly Goodson, Wyatt Berrier, Mary Phelps (on phone).

Alternates replacing absent Commissioners:Lynn replacing John and Mary replacing Laura.

6:05….Public comment
No public comment

Approve Draft Minutes of May meeting
Kelly motion, Wyatt 2nd
Mary by phone, yes
Pat, yes
4 yes 1 abstain.
Kelly abstained, was not present at last meeting

Financial Update:
Remains the same

Old Business, Topics and committees

1. ERZ update: 2021Marketing plans for Economic Revitalization Zone (this on as a reminder each month!)

2. Business After Hours (BAH) details for possible future event entitled "TEDC Celebrates Tamworth Business" occurring every other month;,,,,check Street Fair vendor list; establish location, dates and hours; discuss format and publicity, etc.

-Combines focus of an International Business Network (Lynn's idea) with BAH (Mary's)
Benefits:
Connects different businesses together who have similar clients
Has a ½ hour at top to have facilitated discussions of Business needs?
Provides opportunity for socialization and marketing of products/services
Allows various marketing opportunities by Hosting at different locations.
____ Discussion: What businesses in town out of the 240 would want to do something after hours? Thoughts: Artworks gallery, The Farmstand, The Preserve, Highland House, etc. Wyatt plans to review our business list to think of where we might be able to hold an event. We also will consider a possible combination of marketing efforts such as opening it to other locations and focus on connecting businesses vs. highlighting a business. i.e. Home Improvement night, artisans night, etc.
Quarterly would be the best option for frequency with the first one in the fall.
look for sponsorship for food/beverage (non-alcohol).
Timing would be in the fall for the first one.

3. Forum ideas for 2021, top 3 from suggestions offered
Pat discussed forum ideas: A. Best business formats such as LLC, Self-Proprietary; B. Passing your business onto others, C. Facilitated forum of topics people want to explore…attendees would go to certain tables for various topics and at the end, the tables would provide a final report.

4. Cook Library having a "Welcome to Newcomers" on Saturday afternoon, June 19, 2-4 pm.
-TEDC will have a table and will need volunteers to set up, take down and man.
Pat, Laura and Kelly to cover our table under our tent. Business booklets and brochures will be available. (Lynn will help as much as she can but is also helping at the Barnstormer table).

New Business

-HUB 66…added topic by Wyatt. After reviewing the master TEDC plan he called HUB 66 to get an update on their efforts in Tamworth. It is active now on the Nickerson Tower. It will be at the Fire Tower within the next 30 days. One tower is presently on Rte 16 by the Roberts wood yard. There is also one near the Community School. If a home has a direct line to a

particular sight, it can get 100 -400 mb; however, if home is hidden in the woods, it would receive lower service. HUB66 works in a spiderweb pattern with existing users. Special services exist for larger businesses. Wyatt will follow up.TEDC Master Plan Chapter 7" is going to the planning board on 6/9/2021 for a required public hearing. Wyatt will be representing the TEDC.

-Solar arrays in Tamworth…..Wyatt was charged with spearheading a letter to the town sharing the TEDC's support of income producing solar projects if locations don't affect scenic views or areas of current enjoyment, noting that we know the importance of bringing such revenue to the town. We will also suggest to the Selectmen that they please request Tamworth citizens to come forth if they have privately owned acreage that might be available for sale or lease.Letter will need to be completed by Tuesday 6/15 for presentation at town meeting on the 17th.

-"Mount Washington Valley Age-Friendly"….Lynn will be representing Tamworth on the steering committee.
First meeting is in September, Lynn has been contacted by the Chair, Charlie Macomber, regarding participation.
Pat discussed the option of moving 2 of the 4 town owned benches now in Chocorua to Main Street. (library, places in the shade, etc) Remick Park has a grant for improvements there but not for central Main Street

Public Comment
No public comment

Action items and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:19

Next meeting, July 13, Location TBD