

Tamworth Economic Development Commission
Draft Minutes
August 29, 2022 at Town Office

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.***

Meeting Minutes

6:04....Call to Order

Attending – Pat Farley, Wyatt Berrier, Kelly Goodson, Laura Pike

6:05....Rich Collins in attendance but no public comment

6:07... Wyatt makes a motion to approve the minutes for the July 2022 meeting, Kelly seconds. Pat – Yes, Wyatt – Yes, Kelly – Yes Laura – Yes . July minutes approved with no changes.

6:10....Discussion of Lynn's resignation and John leaving the area. Both were appreciated for their time on the commission and for the contributions they made.

6:15.... Introduction of Rich Collins, Rich shared his background and experiences with the commission. Pat makes a motion for Rich to be a new member to the commission, Laura seconds the motion. Pat – Y, Wyatt – Y, Kelly -Y, Laura -Y. Pat will take the recommendation and approval to the next Selectperson meeting.

6:20....Financial Update: John will be leaving his role as Treasurer. He did a great job keeping things organized and simple. Pat distributed copies of the August Financial Statement John provided via email. Laura offered to act as interim treasurer until a replacement can be found.

Pending purchases/orders? Web Expenses: Rich has extensive web design/hosting experience and will review the current status and options for the future Web hosting and management

Money to be returned to Town because of no Street Fair – Pat will update the selectperson board that \$1500.00 will not be spent this year. TEDC feels strongly that the street fair is a welcomed event and wants to plan for it in 2023. Wyatt will validate this with some outreach for feedback via the Tamworth Exchange. All agreed it will require someone to lead/manage as large effort required for planning the event.

Budget preparation for 2023 – Laura and Pat will plan for this handoff from John at the September meeting. Awaiting communication of due dates from select board.

Old Business

-Topics and committees:

1. Remind Town of Economic Revitalization Zone...posters to be reprinted, TamExchange posting, Deadline is February 2023
 2. Broadband Forum via Zoom : Rich and Laura will work together
 - Reports from calls to existing providers:...completed
 - Tentative date – at library on 10/18 or 10/25, confirm with Cook Library
 - Also discussed possibly pre-recording and posting to the TEDC website, Tam Ex etc. rather than in person.
- Potential Vendors who would attend if in person:
- Mary Ellen Player of Fidium
 - Mike Mateja and/or Declan of HUB66
 - Rick Hiland of Carroll County Broadband
 - Joe Kenney, of NH Executive Council

3. Annual Report – finalized, to be included in the Town Report

New Business

- Charging Stations – Currently national funding under review (NPR reporting). The TEDC has no official stand/perspective on this topic at this time.
- Sewer Problem in Town affecting Economic Development & Housing – informal feasibility committee underway, no action from TEDC at this time.

6:55...No Public Comment

7:00...Action Items

1. Laura – contact John for the presentation files for budget, town brochure, mission statement 4 box, Broadband Survey Summary, any other formal source documents for materials.
2. Wyatt – TamEx posting regarding desire for street fair
3. Rich – review website and hosting / managing status and identify other options

7:12...Wyatt makes a motion to adjourn, Laura seconds. Adjournment

Next meeting...Sept. 13, 2022 NOTE..Location will be at the Cook Library!