Tamworth Economic Development Commission Meeting Notes October 11, 2022 at Town Office, 6 PM

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

6:21... Call to Order

Attending – Pat Farley, Wyatt Berrier, Rich Collins, Laura Pike, Kelly Goodson(phone)

- 6:13... no public comment
- 6:25... Pat makes a motion to approve the minutes for the September 2022 meeting, Laura seconds. Pat Yes, Wyatt Yes, Rich Yes, Laura Yes. Kelly Yes. September minutes approved with no changes.
- 6:27... With sadness formally accept the resignation of John Ferrari. John is leaving the area. The group acknowledged all the work John has done during his years on the commission.

Old Business

Brochure/Business Booklet Printing – Potentially additional printing expense for the Business Booklet and Visit Tamworth Brochure. Reaffirmed

desire to continue the booklet on line and in future making it a user friendly digital destination (advertise booklet online (post card size), QR code "Go To") to reduce volume of future printing and expense. At next meeting will make final decision for last of the year printing. Pat to contact David Little for the most current updates to the business booklet as it was circulated outside TEDC by the Planning Board. Wyatt to contact Minuteman Press for updated quotes.

Broadband Forum via Zoom: Date moved to December 7^a at 7pm due to availability at the Cook Library.

- Will host in person at the library with speakers via Zoom and participants either live or Zoom. Speakers being invited:
- -Mary Ellen Player of Fidium
- -Mike Mateja and/or Declan of HUB66
- -Rick Hiland of Carroll County Broadband
- -Joe Kenney, of NH Executive Council

Laura to visit library and review projection/monitor for display options. Marketing formats discussed

Website Domain:Open discussion regarding website domain, hosting and development work. Rich Collins donating development work. Wyatt – motion to move website to "user friendly" Word Press site (no cost) and accept proposal for Rich Collins to host the site at discounted fee. Laura – 2⁻⁻ the motion. Pat – yes, Wyatt – yes, Rich – yes, Laura – yes.

New Business

Next three TEDC meetings discussed:
□□11/8 – Voting Day, meet at town office as planned
□□Zoom meeting to discuss details/follow-up planning for the Broadband
forum TBD either 11/21 or 11/22
□□Move December meeting to 12/5, before the broadband forum.
□□December 13 meeting and January 2023 meetings cancelled.

7:29...No Public Comment

7:30...Laura makes a motion to adjourn, Wyatt seconds. Adjournment

Next meeting...November 8, 2022