

Tamworth Economic Development Commission
***DRAFT* Minutes**
January 9, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Pat Farley at 6:10.

Members Present: Erica Boynton, Pat Farley, Kelly Goodson, Kimball Packard, Mary Phelps

Alternates Present: Barb Bloomberg, Lloyd Hadden and Susan Ticehurst

Alternates Seated: Barb Bloomberg and Lloyd Hadden were seated as voting members

Approval of Minutes:

- ☐ The minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting were corrected to reflect that Erica Boynton was in attendance.
- ☐ Barb Bloomberg moved, and Kelly Goodson seconded, to approve the minutes of 11/14/17 as corrected. The motion passed, passed 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Financial Update

- ☐ The Tamworth Advisory Budget Committee suggested that membership dues which had previously been charged to the Economic Commission's account would more appropriately be charged to other account lines as they benefit other town entities as well as the Commission.
- ☐ The 2017 statement of accounts was distributed.

Tech Forum

- ☐ Final plans for the tech forum on Face Book were reviewed.

Business Booklet

- ☐ Progress on the update of the business listings booklet was reviewed.
- ☐ Businesses will be contacted to confirm which information, including preferred method of contact, will be on their allotted three lines.
- ☐ Barb Bloomberg, Erica Boynton, Trish Chaput, and Mary Phelps were appointed to the sub-committee to contact businesses.

Promotional

- ☐ Kimball Packard reported that two signs and extra letters and symbols were ordered.

Barn at the Preserve

- ☐ Mary Phelps reported that a digital architectural plan is currently being revised.

Grant Opportunity

- ☐ No action was taken regarding potential projects for the Northern Border Regional Commission grant.

2018 Projects

Tech Forum

☐ The four forums, (Face Book, Instagram, Excel and Website Design), will be offered as previously planned.

Wet Paint

- ☐ Barb Bloomberg, Erica Boynton, Pat Farley, Kelly Goodson and Mary Phelps were appointed to a subcommittee to plan a second annual plein air event.
- ☐ The commission will explore opportunities to support local businesses during the week of the event.

Street Fair

- ☐ The commission plans to host the third annual street fair.

Other Projects

- ☐ Possibilities for additional projects were considered, including:
 - Hosting a commercial real estate brokers' open house to draw attention to the vacant buildings in town.
 - Seeking local input on ways to attract and retain workers.
 - Sponsoring a business incubator.
 - Hosting "grand openings" with new businesses.
 - Holding a job fair
- ☐ No decisions were made. The Commission will give these ideas further consideration at a later date.

Master Plan

- ☐ The Commission will approach the Planning Board to see if there is interest in working jointly to update the Economic Development component of the Master Plan.

Open Government

- ☐ The Commission reviewed an overview of the "Right to Know" law.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting: 6 PM on February 13, 2018 at the Chocorua Community Church.

Adjournment:

- ☐ Lloyd Hadden moved, and Kelly Goodson seconded, to adjourn at 7:57. The motion passed, 7-0.