

Tamworth Economic Development Commission
Minutes
April 14, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:45.

Members present: Pat Farley, Jim Hidden, David Grasse, Kelly Goodson, and Susan Ticehurst

Motion to accept the minutes made by Jim Hidden, Pat seconded. Passed

Motion made by Jim Hidden to accept agenda. Seconded by Pat, Passed

Dennis Quinn is updating the information on the website. The automatic reminder on the town website's calendar will be corrected by town personnel.

Several town departments have their own websites. There was discussion of the merits and negatives of having one central website. Because other than townspeople would look for the town's Economic Development site, it would be appropriate for the site to remain separate but with a link to the town site and conversely, a link on the town's Economic Development page to the website for the Economic Development Commission.

Pat Farley showed a map of the town that has been available in the select board office in the past. There are currently only a few copies in print. There was discussion of the desirability of having them available for visitors to the town who might be interested in relocating here. A suggestion was to put a map on the website with Tamworth businesses identified. The board is in favor of exploring the possibility, including cost; however, it was not prioritized.

Budget ended up being \$2,250. Some will go to a banner and other expenses for the 250th celebration and some will support a forum planned for the fall....and possibly the map printing.

The business retention and expansion program offered by UNH was discussed. The commission would like to hear from a similar town that has been through the program before proceeding.

Forum: the question that needs to be answered is how many businesses would be willing and able to sponsor an intern or apprentice? The role of the commission was discussed, with the conclusion that it would act as a convener rather than as an active director. Current labor regulations for apprenticeships must be consulted and available to participants. The date, name, location and other relevant details will be discussed at future meetings.

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 by Jim Hidden, seconded by David Grasse.