

## Tamworth Economic Development Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Tamworth Economic Development Commission will develop a strategy for the retention, growth and attraction of businesses in Tamworth. The Commission should be charged with:

- . Supporting and maintaining the existing business base of our town and promoting a climate friendly to new business.
- . Identifying the specific types of businesses that match the character of Tamworth
- . Making realistic recommendations to the town to enable growth of its existing business base; retain and promote existing businesses, and attract new businesses to the town.
- . Coordinating town economic development activities with surrounding towns and utilize regional and state resources.

Meeting called to order at 7:03.

Members Present: Pat Farley, Dennis Quinn, Jim Hidden, Kelly Goodson, David Grasse, Susan Ticehurst

Minutes:

Quinn moved, Goodson seconded, to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Motion passed: 4 yes, 1 abstain.

Agenda:

Quinn moved, Goodson seconded to accept agenda. Motion passed: 5 yes, 0 no.

Public Comment:

No public was present.

Committee Reports:

Tamworth 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration

- Jim Hidden reported that the committee has been restructured. A fundraiser was held and merchandizing is being selected.
- Jim will send the logo to Dennis when it is available.
- The Economic Commission will be ordering a banner from the current year budget.
- The Economic Commission, as other groups, will manage their own events. The Celebration Committee will help to publicize and coordinate events.

- A concentration of events will be held around the first or second weekends in August, 2016.

#### Website updates:

- Dennis Quinn reported that the Tamworth Economic Development Commission website was moved to a different server and a more simplified program is being used to redesign the format.
- Dennis Quinn has been informed as to how to update the Tamworth Economic Development content on the MWV Chamber website.

#### Apprenticeship Forum:

- Currently, people can go to NH Works for referrals to companies for on-the-job training.
- Pat has the contact for the NH State Director of Apprenticeships for the US Dept. of Labor. The Commission would like to consult with him soon so that we can coordinate with the agency.
- Pat provided paper copies of the MWV Chamber member list.
- She was provided with a digital version that includes the names of the business contact.
- Members were asked to categorize the businesses by the type of business. (Examples: printing, automotive repair, car dealers, hospitality, medical, entertainment, culinary, construction, administrative, hair care, health care)
- Members were asked to review the business list and note with whom they have a connection.
- Memorial Hospital is interested in exploring the possibility of hosting apprentices.

#### -Sources for Applicants

#### Action Items

- Jim will send the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration logo to Dennis when it is available.
- Pat will send members the contact information for the NH State Director for Apprenticeships.
- Members will review the business list, note with whom they have a connection, and send that information to Pat.

#### Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held at the call of the chair, there will be no July meeting.

#### Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Quinn and seconded by Kelly Goodson. The motion passed 6-0.

