

## **Minutes...Tamworth Economic Development Commission...February 12, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M.

Members Present: Pat Farley, Kelly Goodson, Dennis Quinn, Jim Hidden, Willie Farnum, Ellie Griffin

Minutes were approved.

Agenda accepted.

**Tamwireless** report: all is going well...new battery on Page Hill, another planned for Cleveland Hill.

**Budget:** \$2250 (We spent \$40 plus on refreshments for TIF meeting.)

### **Reports:**

**Tamworth Teen Leadership** forum: Donna Ulitz, guidance teacher at Brett School, had been quite positive about the project at a meeting the week before. Selectmen have voted 2:1 that the Forum should be under the school department. The principal sent Pat a letter from the insurance company which indicated that the company thought it was a good idea, but there were some concerns that need to be addressed. Pat was invited to attend the School Board meeting last week and did so. The Board decided that they will not support the Teen Forum. Many people questioned why the town doesn't do this, rather than the school? Essentially neither the town nor the school wants to support this venture at this point. The main concerns are about financing, staffing and liability.

The school's insurance company concerns: oversight of students away from school property such as on a field trip, or meetings and whether background checks would be done. There was a question regarding transportation: bus or vehicles and whether proof of insurance and motor vehicle background checks would be forthcoming.

We need to prepare for:

Background checks: criminal and motor vehicle

Proof of insurance for people who will drive kids

Proof of financial strength, budget (pilot program and multi-year plan).

**Sustainable Agribusiness:** TEDC is interested in supporting agribusiness in the area. There will be a dinner meeting on February 22 on regional sustainability for farm / restaurant cooperation. Should TEDC support this venture?

**Cooperation among surrounding towns:** We will try to have a couple of meetings a year on a topic of interest to the surrounding towns, much like what occurred at the recent TIF meeting.

**Senior Housing** – We need an update from Jo Anne Rainville, Willie will inquire.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22

**Action Items**

Pat will call Leo Greene (Sandwich Rec Dept).

Ellie will edit Teen Leadership Doc for Selectmen's meeting Thursday evening.

Jim will ask Maynard to invite Kelly to the sustainable agribusiness dinner.

All will engage in verbal networking for Dennis for School Board.