

Tamworth Economic Development Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6 PM at the Cook Library

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.**

6:00...Call to order

Motion to accept March minutes Approved

Motion to accept Agenda Approved

Public Comment... This is the 1st of two opportunities for the public to address the board.

Committee Reports

- **Tamwireless...**Dennis

Everything is going well with Tamwireless.

- **Senior Housing** UpdateWillie had a conversation with Joanne Rainville. There has no reason why the housing will not happen, so we hope that the building plans are progressing.

- **Tamworth Teen Leadership ...** Pat

Pat met with selectmen and told them that the school did not want to own TTLF, so Pat asked Selectmen to take it over. Selectmen's office checked with the town's insurance company to inquire about their opinion of liability and was told they wanted a job description for the Executive Director. Ellie and Pat worked on that and Pat will bring it to the Selectmen on Thursday so that Cassandra can submit it.

The slate of officers for the Tamworth Economic Development Commission was approved by members present.

Nominated and approved as officers:

Pat Farley - Chair

Dennis Quinn - Vice Chair

Ellie Griffin - Recorder

Old/New Business

Table to Restaurant Initiative - continued discussions re.regional effort to promote local sustainable agri/business....Jim and Pat.....Conclusions of recent meetings - Maynard

Thompson would like to share more details about his agribusiness ideas. He is interested in helping farmers make more money through various ventures.

Planning Board request for ideas:

The Planning Board at its meeting tomorrow night would like to have ideas for new ventures presented to them for support and consideration. TEDC brainstormed the following ideas.

The Build Out Analysis which neatens out the boundaries of properties, and Digital Mapping for Map Corrections. The aerial photography will happen next year (2015) and will hopefully begin that process.

A solar farm to provide energy for the town.

Hydroponic gardening

Encourage a drug store to move into town.

TIF planning initiatives.

Possibility of a hospital in town.

Technology college or centinitiative

Future topics to consider for other Regional Informational Forums?

Tentative plans for the Commission to host a forum promoting local sustainable agri/business with invitees to include planning boards, selectmen, and producers and users of agricultural products.

Public Comment ...second opportunity

Adjourn at 7:15

Next regular monthly meeting ...May 13, 2014

Strategy for reaching our goals: 1. Develop long term goals; 2. Spin off short term objectives; 3. Convert to a project w/committee; 4. Develop detailed objectives & actions; continually review, track and assess; 5. Make it happen!