

Tamworth Economic Development Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 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 - accepted

Motion to accept April minutes - accepted

Motion to accept Agenda - accepted

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

Committee Reports

- Tamwireless...Dennis
- Senior Housing UpdateWillie

Everything is on schedule, although not moving quickly. They have to come up with financing. There is hope that it can open in 2016.

- Teen program.... Pat

Nothing new on the TLF at this point, waiting for

Old/New Business

- continued discussions re: Regional effort to promote local sustainable agribusiness....Jim, Kelly and Pat....conclusions of recent meetings...locations

Need to plan more meetings to get this off the ground. We hope that we may be able to plan a meeting to happen this summer at Hobbs to discuss where to go from here or we may want to think about late October or early November weekend for a meeting time. Perhaps a Saturday on October 25 or November 8.

It is important to encourage farmers to think about how they might want to provide produce for restaurants and grocery stores. We need to have people who are knowledgeable about the legal and fiscal requirements for providing produce or meat, etc. for selling to stores and restaurants. It would be good to also have Vito Marcello, Black Cap, Hobbs, etc. All members of TEDC need to list names of farmers, restaurant owners, markets, etc. The goal is to have specific suggestions of invitees ready for the next meeting.

UNH extension in Conway (Olivia) is very knowledgeable about what is needed who can speak.

Electronic waste: Dennis would like us to help organize another day for electronic waste in Tamworth. Would Dennis or Brett School organize it? The cost is about \$2000. We cannot fund it, but we might want to think about an organization that could profit from such a collection.

Public Comment ...second opportunity

Adjourn at 6:45 PM

Next regular monthly meeting ...June 10, 2014

Action Items.....

- forward minutes to Commissioners and Town website
- new TEDC slate to Selectmen and Planning Board
- electronic waste
- notify selectmen of the board membership for next year.
- continue discussion and planning on agribusiness.

***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!*