

# **Tamworth Economic Development Commission Meeting Notes**

**October 7, 2014**

Location - Lyceum

Planning Meeting for November 1 Agribusiness Meeting

Present: Pat Farley, Dennis Quinn, Kelly Goodson, Susan Ticehurst, David Grasse, Willie Farnum

Guests: Lianne Prentice and Rep. Mark McConkey

Lianne will be the moderator/facilitator for the Agribusiness meeting on 11/1.

Pat reported on an email she had with Katelyn Robinson of the North Country Cooperative. She also had a conversation with Sandy Brucaar who is the Carroll County Representative, also head of Small and Beginning Farmers. Katelyn Robinson deals with loans and she will be introduced. Sandy Brucaar represents NCIC- North Country Cooperative and could speak about she also talked about the Farm to Plate network in Vermont.

Dennis has typed a list of those to invite and those who have responded or are known to be attending. Lianne is also keeping notes on this.

Pat has spoken to Albany Planning Board and Select Board, Freedom Planning Board and Select Board, Madison Planning Board and Select Board, Ossipee Planning Board and Select Board, Tamworth Planning Board and Select Board. Lianne will speak to those on the Sandwich Planning Board and Select Board. All towns are asked to invite farmers in their area.

We want to video the speakers. Dennis has someone who will do it and post it on YouTube

We need a microphone for recording and amplifying (Dennis).

Can we post speakers notes and contact info or links on our web page? (Dennis will look into this) [www.tamworthnh.net](http://www.tamworthnh.net)

Some people will be using PowerPoint. We need to ask those using it to provide a copy ahead of time so that it can be downloaded to a computer before the meeting. What computer? Ellie will bring her LCD projector.

Where will the speakers set themselves up to be available for people who want to speak with them? Will be determined.

We will meet October 30 at 6:00 PM at The Town House to get the room ready for the 11/1 meeting. Pat will speak to Cassandra to get permission and contact Parker to share our needs: Folding chairs and screen for projection – we will contact Parker re: setting up the chairs, breaking down afterwards, opening the doors, etc. (Pat)

What is the purpose of the 11/1 meeting? Making connections between growers, vendors and providing information on what they need to do and how to make this happen. (What do vendors need? What can farmers provide?)

What will the ongoing role of TEDC be as the venture moves forward? There needs to be somebody (ies) who has the desire, drive, and expertise to lead (like Peg and Bob did with The Farmer's Market). TEDC will support the venture, but will not lead it.

We need a next meeting (or meetings) to follow up on what happens in the 11/1 meeting. The first follow-up will be January 10 at the Community School, 9 AM to 1:00 PM. That will be announced at the 11/1 meeting. Lianne said that the Community School will provide soup and hopes that Peg will provide bread for a simple lunch.

We need to ask Sandy Broccar to focus on community kitchens, etc. (Lianne)

Materials to purchase:

- Name tags

- Markers

- Tablecloths (Lianne will bring tablecloths and napkins from TCS.)

- Print out names and topic on a piece of paper for the breakout sessions

Ellie will add acknowledgment that we will use contact information to sign-in sheet. We may use a computer instead of a sign in sheet and a dedicated person or two to register information for each attendee. Details to be determined.

How do we want to use white boards or flip charts? To collect participants' ideas and answers to the following questions:

- What is working well?

- What are you taking away from this meeting?

- What do you still need?

- Next steps.

- What follow-up would you like to see happen?

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM and work will resume at the regular meeting next Tuesday.