

**Tamworth Economic Development Commission
Economic Development Tamworth
Meeting on April 11, 2013
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Pat Farley, Jim Hidden, Dennis Quinn, Willie Farnum and Kristin Ludwig.

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous board meeting was made by Willie Farnum, seconded by Dennis Quinn, and passed unanimously.

Pat Farley told commissioners that the Funder's Breakfast has been rescheduled for May 9 from 9:00-11:00 at the Remick Farm. Three commissioners TBD will attend.

Tamworth Wireless

TW just came through its slowest season with a loss of just three customers. They are now preparing for the busy summer season. Fairpoint recently put a DSL box in Wonalancet. Intentions and ramifications not yet clear. There is a bill in the legislature to allow towns to combine in bonds for internet service.

Local Business Support/Publicity

Commission members are asked to replenish Tamworth Brochures and Business Lists in sites around town who are getting low (Rosies, The Other Store, Lyceum, etc.). Kristin Ludwig to send an email to Annie Riecken about the webcam donations and the town event calendar on www.tamworthnh.net to post in the next issue of The Civic News.

Cindy Oxtan from Meredith Village Bank contacted Pat with an idea of creating a brochure of things to do regionally, including Tamworth, that they would provide to hotels in the Moultonborough/Meredith area.

Webcam

The Tamworth Foundation has approved a grant request from TEDC for up to \$750 provided TEDC has raised \$1750 toward the webcam. If TEDC raises more than \$1750, the Foundation will grant the amount needed to reach \$2500. Commissioners discussed several possibilities such as selling sponsorships to the webcam feed but decided on offering the listing of a company/individual name on the website as a sponsor in exchange for a donation. The cutoff date for raising funds is May 15 so there is much work to do. \$400 has been raised thus far and thank you notes are being sent to donors.

CEDS

The town of Tamworth may consider the possibility of submitting a request for EDA funds in order to update the town septic system. Tamworth would need a town build out analysis prior to this request, a project that will be suggested to the Planning Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Willie Farnum, seconded by Dennis Quinn and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm. Next meeting: May 9, 12:00 pm, at the Lyceum.