

**Tamworth Economic Development Commission
Economic Development Tamworth
Meeting on July 12, 2012
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

Present at the meeting: Pat Farley, Dennis Quinn, Jim Hidden, Willie Farnum, Keats Myer, Robin Gordon, Kristin Ludwig

Dennis Quinn moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Keats Myer seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.

Tamworth Wireless

The wireless internet tower has been successfully moved from the Alt property to it's new location on Cleveland Hill. This past month, TW lost three customers but gained several for a total of 96 customers at this time. Dennis Quinn attended the regional broadband planning meeting. They seem disorganized at this time. TW may be able to help provide wireless internet to some of the towns in the region.

Marketing

Kristin Ludwig will send Jim Hidden a graphic to place on the town website which will link to the calender created by EDT. She will also continue to add website links to the online business list.

The Next BIG Thing

Marketing 101 will be presented on July 24th, 6:30 p.m., at the Cook Memorial Library. Robin Gordon has secured Warren Daniel of the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center to present How to Start a Business in New Hampshire. Kristin will add information to the website; Dennis will put a notice on the Tamworth Exchange with a follow-up reminder the Monday prior to the event. An email will be sent to all BIG attendees to let them know of the event. Fliers were distributed at the meeting. Willie Farnum will print additional fliers. Fliers will be placed in local public areas and handed out to those interested.

Follow up presentations on funding sources and marketing will be planned after the Marketing 101 session.

Local Business Development

Pat Farley spoke with Kelly Goodson about starting a food coop. Kelly was part of the original team that wanted to save Rivendell and start a local coop. She may be interested in putting together a new attempt.

Local Microlending

John Howell will talk to local banks about small business loans. A suggestion will be posted on the Tamworth Exchange to see if anyone local is interested in starting a microlending venture.

Action Points

Kristin Ludwig will send language to Dennis Quinn for the Exchange

Dennis Quinn will put message about Business 101 on the Exchange with a scheduled reminder

Kristin Ludwig will send an email to all BIG attendees and EDT Commissioners

John Howell will talk to banks about small business loans

Kristin Ludwig will send a graphic image to Jim Hidden for the town website/calendar link

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Willie Farnum, seconded by Keats Myer and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be August 2, 11:30 am at the Lyceum.