

Tamworth

Economic Development Committee

Minutes from the February 10, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Present at the meeting: Committee members present: Pat Farley, Chris Franchi, Sheldon Perry, Keats Myer, Bob Abraham. Absent: Karen McNiff, Dennis Quinn. Alternates present: Kristin McIntire.

New Business

- Alternate Kristin McIntire was appointed to be a committee member in lieu of one absent.
- Approval of the January 6th minutes was postponed due to the lack of a quorum.

Committee Reports

- Brochure and EDT website, www.tamworthnh.net: Kristin brought the finished brochures and rack cards for distribution. The printing was nicely done and paid for by the town. Our website is on-line with sections resembling our beautiful brochure and rack cards. The business listing section is in progress and the EDT news section is currently empty.

A paper version of the business listing will be available at the town office, The Other Store, and at the libraries.

Old/New Business

- Workforce Housing Seminar: Pat and Karen attended this seminar, which promotes community awareness about the need to have affordable workforce housing.
- Lightning Pitch: A subcommittee of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) will meet to approve the plan after which two to three representatives from the various towns in the LRDC area will be asked to assist with further input and planning.
- America Downtown: Keats lead the discussion about this private organization which specializes in the assistance to town officials who want to enhance a downtown area. For a fee based on the size of the town, there are a variety of services available for this endeavor including the

development of a strategic plan, helping with grants and obtaining demographic information.

Keats will talk with Virginia Mayer of Washington D. C. and Chocorua about giving our committee and various other citizens a presentation about this organization.

Action Points

- Everyone is to review the business list for accuracy.
- Keats will contact Virginia Mayer about an 'America Downtown' presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting will be on March 10th.