Tamworth Economic Development Commission

Minutes for the June 30, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Committee members present: Pat Farley, Karen McNiff, Willie Farnum, Kristin McIntire; Alternates present: Keats Meyer; Public present: None

New Business

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Keats Meyer, seconded by Karen McNiff and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Local Business Support: Pat, Karen and Kristin to talk with Jaime at the Ossipee Chamber to discuss ways the towns can cooperate to bring more tourists/businesses to the area. The new Visit Tamworth brochures, which take the place of the three rack cards promoting places to Eat, Sleep and Shop in Tamworth, were distributed to commission members. They will be distributed to local businesses and other places where tourists frequent.

Old/New Business

Lightning Pitch: Different options were discussed for funding the event. The commission's focus was reexamined. The idea to hand-off the running of the event to someone else and the commission focusing on readying Tamworth business persons/entrepreneurs, etc. to present was discussed. Pat Farley and Karen McNiff will talk with Janice Crawford, Executive Director, Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce to see if she has any interest.

Tax credits: The commission was asked to explore what other towns are offering for tax credits for new businesses. Pat has spoken with the LRPC. Keats to look into how other similar towns are handling tax incentives.

Action points

Pat Farley and Karen McNiff to meet with Janice Crawford about Lightning Pitch.
Par Farley, Karen McNiff and Kristin McIntire to meet with Jaime from Ossipee Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 4.