

Tamworth
Economic Development Commission
Minutes for the September 8, 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, Dennis Quinn; Alternates present: None; Public present: None

New Business

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

Committee Reports

TamWireless: New board members are being recruited. TimeWarner has proposed to provide fiber optic with 25Mg up and down for a cost of \$500 to TWireless for the initial install and \$1300 month thereafter, the cost of which will be shared by TamWireless and Cyberpine. This will allow TamWireless to service more people at much higher speeds. New marketing plans include offering new customers who sign up in September one free month. A part-time plan will also be offered, requiring six months minimum at \$55 per month, plus the cost of the radio to transmit the signal.

MWEDC/LRPC: PAT – LRPC has applied to EDA to be considered an Economic Development District and has recently received \$100,000 and approval from the agency to pursue this complex application. KAREN - In addition, a grant was received that will be used to update the Cultural and Scenic Byways Corridor Management Program. Specific projects will be determined after completion. An LRPC Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for September 26 in Meredith.

Lightning Pitch: Pat has not had a chance to talk to the executive director of the MWVCofC. Project remains on back shelf for the time being.

Local Business Support: Ways to distribute the remaining Tamworth Business Lists were discussed. Karen and Pat to spend time at the Farmers' Market to hand them out. Town records show EDT as being \$89.00 over budget for this year. Kristin to check EDT records to determine why.

Old/New Business

Tax credits: Keats Meyers is compiling information to present at the next EDT meeting.

Short/Long term planning procedures: A brief discussion was held on ideas to bring town people together to discuss Tamworth's future and establish short and long term programs of work. Pat asked commissioners to bring ideas to the next EDT meeting.

Action points

Pat Farley and Karen McNiff to distribute remaining business lists.
Kristin McIntire to research budget overage.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 6.