

## **Tamworth Economic Development Commission Minutes September 11, 2018**

***MISSION STATEMENT: The Tamworth Economic Development Commission will develop a strategy for the retention, growth and attraction of businesses in Tamworth. The Commission should be charged with:***

- ***Supporting and maintaining the existing business base of our town and promoting a climate friendly to new business.***
- ***Identifying the specific types of businesses that match the character of Tamworth***
- ***Making realistic recommendations to the town to enable growth of its existing business base; retain and promote existing businesses, and attract new businesses to the town.***
- ***Coordinating town economic development activities with surrounding towns and utilize regional and state resources.***

**Call to Order: 6:04**

**Members Present: Pat Farley, Chair, Erica Bowden, Mary Phelps, Kelly Goodson, Kimball Packard**

**Seating of Alternates: Barb Bloomberg for Trish Chaput**

**Approval of Minutes of July 10 and July 31. Motion by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kimball, unanimous**

### **Financial Update:**

- Expenses and revenues since last meeting and current balance
  - \$1,211.69, expenses;
  - \$2,748.31, balance. Printing, Forums and Surveys are potential Expenses.

**Public Comments: no**

### **Topics and Appointment of committees:**

#### **-Age Friendly Tamworth....**

-regional group Mary Phelps and Erica Boynton appointed by Selectmen.

First meeting on Sept 20 @ Gibson Center.

-local—ad hoc committee created with Mary and Erica as co-chairs. Discussion of putting a committee together and meeting with regional, will have action plan and suggested board by next meeting.

Motion by Pat, seconded by Kimball. Approved

-surveys in future a probability.

-Potential Forums this Fall re. Making Tamworth Age Friendly

#### **-Broadband:**

-Special meeting held August 23 with Carol Miller, Legislators, Tamworth Boards & Technical experts. Many people in rural areas of town without any service, a situation

In many communities-Pat discussed forming a Committee and taking next steps to encourage Legislation that addresses this problem.

**-Update and reprint of Visitor Brochure:** Kimball agreed to work on it with Lloyd Hadden  
With plan to reprint by year end.

**-Business Brochure:**

-Update and reprint by year end.

Barb will post on Exchange monthly and ask for any changes or additions before next printing

-discussion of selected Tamworth Services posted monthly a la Freedom as per Susan's email.

Or, preferred by the Board: periodic Exchange notices about all this info to be found in EcDev Business Booklet

Suggest monthly reminder that the list is on the exchange along with reminder of EcDev meetings

-Printed sources for grants/monies for small businesses and entrepreneurs... Barb

Add these small business financial and assistance resources, Update info and also print and then post info cards around town.

**-Master Plan Review of Economic Development Section.**

-All town departments asked to do this with a final report to Planning Board. This is a result of presentation re. Updating Master Plan by Susan Ticehurst to Planning Board when she was on EcDev board. Planning Board has asked all departments to review their Master Plan section and their mission statement and present findings at a scheduled Planning Board meeting.

**Old Business**

-Street Fair...

-Recap

-Next year August 3, 2019

**Public Comments:**

**-Other Business:**

**-Action Items:**

**-Adjournment**

**-Next Meeting: October 9, 2018**