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Tamworth

Economic Development Committee

Minutes from the June 4, 2009 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Board members present: Karen McNiff, Michelle Cleveland, Willie Farnum, Chris Franchi, & Pat Farley. Those absent: Marletta Maduskuie, & Chris Money Penny.

Alternates present: Becca Boyden. Alternates absent: Sheldon Perry.

Members reviewed the Economic Development goals as stated in the Master Plan:

- . Conducting an assessment of the existing business base of the town, including the
 - types of businesses; employment base; and residence of employees.
- . Identifying the specific types of businesses that match the character of the town and
 - skill levels of residents.
- . Making realistic recommendations about what the town can do to grow its existing
 - business base; retain existing businesses; and attract new businesses to the town.
- . Develop a strategy for high-speed Internet access in Tamworth.
- . Coordinate town economic development activities with surrounding towns and
 - appropriate regional and state resources.

The group then elected its officers as follows: President: Pat Farley; Vice-President: Karen McNiff; Secretary: none appointed.

A strategy for reaching our goals was discussed:

- Develop long term goals
- Spin off short term objectives
- Convert to a project w/committee
- Develop detailed objectives & actions
- Make it happen!
- Continually...
 - Review, Track & Assess

Committees were established for the following topics:

- Broadband: Karen McNiff, Chair
- Tamworth Brochure: Chris Franci, Chair, with assistance from Sheldon P. and Marletta M.
- Mapping of Tamworth businesses: Becca Boyden

It was determined that significant research would be conducted within each committee in order to attain the information necessary to progress.

Much discussion ensued about the various ways this Committee could concurrently assist the existing businesses in Tamworth. Topics included: centralized human resource assistance, group health rates, and the development of a web-site that would enable the residents and businesses of our town –as well as those from neighboring towns! - to easily find the products and/or services offered by Tamworth businesses.

The meeting concluded at 8:20.

The next meeting will be held on July 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Farley, President

June 5, 2009