Tamworth Economic Development Commission November 13, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order: 6:07

Members Present: Pat Farley, Barb Bloomberg (newly appointed?), Erica Boynton, Kimball Packard,

Trish Chaput, Kelly Goodson

Seating of Alternates: LLoyd (6:40)

Approval of Minutes of October: Motion by Kimball Seconded by Kelly, passed unanimously

Financial Update: Pat reported on presentation to the budget advisory meeting today. She reported on this year's expenses and presented budget of \$3960 proposed for next year.

• Expenses of \$1,547.27 and revenues; current balance \$2413.73 Discussion of potential expenses for remainder of this year ensued.

Public Comments: none

Topics and Committee Reports:

Age Friendly Tamworth:

- -Erica reported on the regional meeting at Gibson Center, which Mary Phelps attended. Mary is a member of the county wide Age Friendly Group and assigned to the Health Domain Committee. She and Erica are co-chairing an ad hoc committee, Age Friendly Tamworth, and have invited several community members to be a part of the committee: Neysa Packard (TCNA board member) Barbara Nordeen, John & Mary Watkins, and Jersey Nickerson. The Tamworth group is looking into the current health resources and recreational opportunities available in Tamworth. Areas discussed for further investigation:resource sharing, emergency preparedness, health opportunities, neighbor to neighbor phone tree and other resources.
- -Suggestions: mailing or magnets with emergency info, placing benches in town. possibility of having one or two Health Forums on Making Tamworth Age Friendly early in 2019.

Broadband:

-Pat reported on issue of acquiring fast broadband internet access. Selectmen have asked that we create a committee to work with Carol Miller, NH contact. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of recruiting members for a committee, and how the TEDC would be involved. Pat moved to table discussion.

Visitor Brochure:

Kimball and LLoyd are working on revisions, will update and reprint Visitor Brochure by end of year or early next: reprint costs will be encumbered

Business Brochure:

Barb reported that copies of the brochure are still available in town, no updates have come in. Additional reprint costs will be encumbered. Pat received a quote for printing that includes the addition of four pages (1 additional sheet).

New business discussion

Master Plan Review of Economic Development Section.

-Pat provide info from MPlan and reported on need for each department including TEDC to review their mission statement and make a final report to Planning Board in January? Report to include list of accomplishments and suggested revisions.

Next Meeting: December meeting cancelled, next meeting January 8. Pat may call a working group on the Mission statement to meet in December.

Norman Cloutier would like to address us regarding transferring the village septic system to the town. He will be invited to speak during Public Comments at the next meeting.

Public Comments:

Other/ New Business:

- Idea of having business after hours type of meeting to brainstorm with businesses in town to find out what we can do for them. (Part of Master Plan discussion?) and inform about resources that are available in region.
- -Barb asked if we might consider working with the town(s) on the possibility of creating a regional Recycling Center, which would be a new business that fits the character of the town, could bring jobs, and reduce the cost of waste disposal to taxpayers.
- -Action Items:
- -Review Mission Statement and consider revisions.
- -Pat: follow-up with Norm Cloutier regarding presentation to TEDC
- -Health sub-committee to continue discussion, Meet at Gibson Ctr on Tuesday.
- -Erica: post information about the survey on exchange
- -All asked to come up with suggestions of people to work on Broadband committee.
- -Attend Town Meeting on Thursday at 6 PM to find out more about alternatives to current Transfer Station costs and sorting of recyclables. Also attend working group on School budget.
- -Barb: Post Meeting date change.

Adjournment: 7:28 Moved by Kimball, seconded by Erica.

Next Meeting: January 8

Submitted by Barb Bloomberg