

Tamworth Economic Development Commission Minutes
January 15, 2019

Members Present: Pat Farley, Mary Phelps, Erica Boynton, Dan Poirier, John Fererria

Call to Order: 6:00p.m.

Approval of minutes from December:

Dan made a motion to approve as recorded, Mary seconded. All in favor; Dan abstained.

Discussion of Alternate status and possible creation of 'Friends of Economic Development'
Pat reported that as a result of a discussion with the Selectman and Town Attorney, TEDC Commissioners do not have to be Tamworth residents.

Financial Update:

Pat met with the Selectman to discuss reducing the 2019 budget.

Some Encumbrances were not recommend by 2 Selectman but 3 Selectmen voted to keep \$400.00 in the budget request. New revised budget to be approved at town meeting is \$2595.00 vs \$3960 requested and granted in the previous 2018 budget.

Public Comment: none

Visitor Brochure:

Pat brought a sample that Kimball and Lloyd completed. There were 1000 printed and the only issue with the material was an error listing an incorrect website address on the back. The group decided to print a label with the correct TEDC website listed. It will be corrected before the next printing, which will be the financial responsibility of the TVC.

Topics and committees:

Age Friendly Tamworth update by Mary Phelps and Erica Boynton, Co-chairs. Mary reported on the most recent regional meeting she attended at The Gibson Center. Her committee, which focuses on health and wellness, discussed several underutilized programs available to residents of Carroll County. These will be some of the topics included in a spring forum hosted by TEDC on Thursday, March 28. Location and time will be determined. Mary and Erica met to determine all areas of interest, which will cover the following:

211 Helpline providing resources for social services; update and how to use
REAP Program; overview and accessibility
Good Neighbor Program; examples and update on Tamworth
Recreation Programs available through Parks & Rec
Walking Trails/Accessible Trails in Tamworth; map and signage
TCNA/Tamworth Caregivers; services provided
Remick Park in town; sprucing up, benches, visibility, volunteers
Benches and seating areas throughout town

Mary will invite George Cleveland to be a speaker as he is the lead on the country wide committee along with Joanne Rainville, Tamworth Town Nurse, to speak about TCNA services. Mary will check the availability of other members of the regional committee. Erica will secure the Town House for the forum.

Broadband:

There was more discussion about broadband access in Tamworth. Pat said Dan helped with the mapping in Tamworth along with other resident volunteers. The reports conclude access is inadequate, according to the FCC. It was suggested to Pat and Dan to form a multi-town committee. After discussion, the group decided to table this topic and suggested the Selectman appoint a broadband committee going forward. Pat asked commissioners to suggest members.

Master Plan Review of Economic Development Section:

All town departments have been asked to review the plan and give a final report to the Planning Board. Pat will attend their next board meeting to hear feedback in regards to the TEDC section of the Master Plan and find out the deadline for submitting reports.

Old/New Business: none

Action Items: Mary and Erica will finalize location and times for the March 28 forum.

Adjournment: Dan motioned; Mary seconded and meeting adjourned at 7p.m.