

Tamworth Economic Development Commission Minutes  
February 19, 2019

Members Present: Erica Boynton, Chairperson Pat Farley, Kimball Packard, Mary Phelps  
Seating of Alternates: John Ferreira seated for Commissioner Kelly Goodson

Call to Order: 6:07p.m.

Approval of minutes from January:

John made a motion to approve as recorded, Erica seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Financial Update:

Expenses and revenues; no change since last meeting. Current balance for 2019: \$2495 (\$400 added back); 2018 was \$3960

Public Comment: Norman Cloutier of the Tamworth Village Association spoke on the village septic system. He gave a history of the TVA and the system with an overview on how it functions today. The current system was installed in 1999 as a result of village businesses banding together after several failed septic systems. The TVA was created to raise funds, install and manage a public system capable of serving up to 35 properties in Tamworth Village. The system is a hybrid with different types of users; residential, commercial and municipal. There are currently 26 properties connected; including the Town of Tamworth. Last year, the TVA has responded to failures due to inadequate design, lack of oversight and budget restrictions. They repaired the system with funds granted by NHDES, upgraded their bookkeeping system and made the decision to dissolve the TVA committee. They feel the TVA is not properly suited to maintain such a system as they were volunteers. They are requesting the town purchase and take over managing the system for the sum of \$1.00. The costs of maintenance are designed to be paid by user fees. The issue will be voted on at town meeting.

Topics and committees:

Age Friendly Tamworth update by Mary Phelps and Erica Boynton, Co-chairs. Mary confirmed George Cleveland will speak to the efforts on a county level. Pat, Mary & Erica met with Joanne Rainville, Tamworth Town Nurse, to speak about TCNA services and she provided a comprehensive description of the presentations she will provide at the forum. Erica secured the Town House for Thursday, March 29 from 5-7pm to host the forum.

Visitor Brochure:

Kimball reported the Tamworth Visitors Council paid for the sticker to correct the website on the brochure and all have been updated. Pat asked Kimball to follow up with Alpine Web about the old website address annually being billed to Kristin McIntire, a past board member. He will follow up and report at the next meeting.

Broadband:

Pat reported there was a multi-town broadband meeting between Tamworth and Albany to discuss options and the best way to pursue the issue on a state level. She is still looking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Recycling Committee

Commissioners Barb Bloomberg & Kelly Goodson are co-chairs of the Recycling Committee and have asked the TEDC to support their efforts. Pat stated the TEDC supports open dialogue with any group

work towards recycling efforts as it relates to the town economy. She will invite the committee to present to the TEDC at a future meeting to learn more about their plans.

#### Wet Paint Plein Air Invitational

Mary gave a quick update on the 3rd annual Wet Paint Tamworth scheduled for April 29-May 5. She stated artist responses have been positive and plentiful and expects all spots to fill with an estimated 30 artists participating.

#### Old/New Business: Master Plan Review of Economic Development Section:

Discussion tabled until the date of the review meeting is scheduled by the MP Committee.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12; time and place to be determined.

Adjournment: John motioned; Mary seconded and meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.