

Tamworth Economic Development Commission October 8, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order: 6.04

Members Present : Kelly Goodson, Erica Boynton, Mary Phelps, Dan Poirier, Pat Farley, Lloyd Hadden , Barb Bloomberg

Seating of Alternates: Barb for Trish, acting Secretary; Lloyd for Kimball

Approval of Minutes of September: Kelly moved, Erica seconded

Financial Update:

- Expenses and revenues; current balance \$1,388.10 expenses; \$2,571.90 balance. Printing, Forums and Surveys are potential Expenses.

Public Comments: None

Topics and committees:

Age Friendly Tamworth....

-regional...Mary Phelps and Erica Boynton, Co-chairs, reported on Regional meeting in North Conway. Both serving on health services subcommittee.

-Discussed possibility of a Health Forum on Making Tamworth Age Friendly in January or February. This would be an Educational Forum to make citizens aware of what Health services are currently available to them. Could be included as part of broader forum on EDC mission of promoting a climate friendly to businesses and people of Tamworth.

The Subcommittee will work on health and recreational opportunities, including walking experiences that can be done without cost to town or businesses. Discussion included possibility of partnering with Rec Dept to improve Children's Park and provide more activities for all ages.

Broadband:

-Pat reported on the Special Broadband meeting held August 23, as well as a presentation to the last selectman's meeting. Efforts are underway to form a Broadband Committee to meet with Carol Miller.

Cellular Town Mapping:

-Pat is trying to find a few more people to work on accurate, detailed mapping of cell service in all areas of town. This involves using phones, donated by LRPC, to gather data to find areas where cell service is or is not covered.

John Gotjen and Pat volunteered for training in Wolfeboro at 11 MONDAY.

Mapping is to be finished by NOV 11.

Update and reprint of Visitor Brochure by end of year:

-Kimball and Lloyd will look at the current one for mistakes. Lloyd will get the map to the printer. Barb questioned why this is still under the EDC umbrella. Erica suggested we discuss this at the next meeting, when we have a brochure to look at. Pat made a motion and Erica seconded.

Business Brochure: Regional resources, including info on grants/monies for small businesses and entrepreneurs will be added to the next printing. Barb and Trish will work on this.

- The suggestion was made that we hold off reprinting the brochure as long as possible to allow for as many changes or updates that may occur.
- Barb asked for entire EDC to look at and bring feedback on the online business listing and links on the town and EDC websites next month.

Master Plan Review of Economic Development Section.

-All town departments are asked to review their mission statement and make a final report to Planning Board, along with a report of accomplishments and suggested revisions.

Old Business: none

Public Comments: none

-Other 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?) *

-Action Items:

- Barb will post monthly reminder that the business list is on the website, along with a reminder about meetings on the first Tuesday each month, and will ask for any changes or additions for Business booklet before next print.
- Pat will put review of mission statement and discussion of EDC website on agenda for next month
- Mary and Erica will look into ideas for having an age-friendly forum after the new year.

-Adjournment: 6:45 motion by Dan seconded by Mary

-Next Meeting: November 13, 2018