

Tamworth Economic Development Commission
MEETING NOTES
June 11, 2020

MISSION STATEMENT: The Tamworth Economic Development Commission will develop a strategy for the retention, growth and attraction of businesses in Tamworth. The Commission should be charged with:

- Supporting and maintaining the existing business base of our town and promoting a climate friendly to new business.
- Identifying the specific types of businesses that match the character of Tamworth
- Making realistic recommendations to the town to enable growth of its existing business base; retain and promote existing businesses, and attract new businesses to the town.
- Coordinating town economic development activities with surrounding towns and utilize regional and state resources.

6:15....Call to Order

Commissioners present: Pat Farley, Kelly Goodson, Dan Poirier, John Ferreira

Alternates seated: Trish Chaput for Erica Boynton; Mary Phelps for Kimball Packard

6:18....Motion to approve of Minutes of May meeting (Pat Farley); Seconded (Mary Phelps). Approved by all with Dan P. abstaining due to absence from last meeting.

6:20....Treasurer position: John Ferreira nominated by Dan Poirier; Seconded by Mary Phelps. Discussion of the excellent job done by John during Wet Paint. Motion to appoint unanimously approved by all attending.

6:25....Financial Update: Expenses and revenues; current balance for 2019: \$2595....(\$400 added back)

Old and New Business, Topics and committee

6:30....Street Fair, Aug. 3, money, mobile, notices, traffic, booths, flags, posters, fire truck, police, food
Next meeting will focus primarily on planning street fair.

Sponsors secured to date at \$250 each include TVC, Remick and CLA.

Route is already established from Greg's Way to the Barnstormers.

Barnstormers / Behr's parking lots have accessible parking for the event

Actions:

- Barb to ask Barnstormers for sponsorship
- Mary to speak with Erica re: email to be sent out to businesses inviting their participation at the event (Erica has the email distribution list and wording from last year)
- Trish to provide Erica with emails from business listing document
- Dan to confirm traffic & cones with Richard
- Dan to confirm with Harry & fire chief for fire truck and directing traffic
- Erica to post event details on the Tamworth Exchange
- Dan to work with John to review correct procedures for expenses in advance of street fair (e.g. sponsorship funds)
- There will be 2 meetings in July for event planning
- Erica to provide file with poster from last year to be edited
- Pat to email Amy from Cook Library to confirm how they will be involved this year

- Boy scouts blew up balloons last year – need to confirm they will do so again.

6:45....Broadband-regular meetings continue; regional/county wide efforts underway, June 24 next meeting. Group from Albany has formed small committee; Pat has been appointed by LRPC to be on it. Legislation has happened for towns to get their own provider. Some folks from VT are involved to share lessons learned from their experience.

6:50....Business Brochure: Funds are already encumbered for re-printing
-Update and reprint.....to date, current updates are included on web site
-Trish to post requests on Exchange for new businesses and/or updates
-Email contact address has been updated on-line; Trish gets copied with alerts

6:55....Recycling report: Kelly reported that efforts are going well so far and recycling has been well received. Glass recycling has just started; feedback has been positive.

7:00....Masterplan review w/ Planning Bd., what did we do, not do and should add? Review will be on 2nd Weds in August. Pat, Kelly and John will form sub-committee to review and record what we have done since formation of TEDC, check this against intent and do a gap analysis to understand anything not done and explain why. Trish to develop a list of questions around how TEDC website might be integrated into the Tamworth town website, then work with Dan to discuss with Darlene. Key concerns include access / updates and any content limitations.

7:10....Wounded Warrior Event support – topic is tabled for now but Dan & John will coordinate rolling the educational piece into the wellness agenda for the age-friendly forum. This includes inviting someone from the VA to participate.

7:15 ...Motion to adjourn by John, Mary seconded. Unanimously approved.
Next meeting, July 9