

WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1996

MINUTES

Members Present: Shirley Ganem, Chairman, Barbara Jackson, Bill Weibe, Pam Berg and Dennis Plante

Members Absent: Tony Triolio and Robert Garland

Shirley Ganem called this meeting to order at 7:35 AM in the conference room at First NH Bank.

Filter Bed Road Warrant Article:

Shirley Ganem discussed with the members the Filter Bed Road Warrant Article. The Budget Committee has decided not to recommend this Article. Members discussed the presentation at Town Meeting and the importance of this Article passing. David Ford, DPW will give the main presentation at Town Meeting focusing on the technical data. Other points that need to be addressed include the environmental issues with the removal of the tanks from downtown to overt a potential hazard. The economic issues of increased jobs and return of monies spent from the sale of lots in the industrial park. Bill Weibe, Dennis Plante, Pam Berg and Shirley Ganem are all willing to speak at Town Meeting in favor of passing this Article. The members have decided to develop a flyer siting the reasons for the passage of this Warrant Article. Shirley Ganem asked for speakers on WASR Radio and for the Granite State Newspaper. Dennis Plante, Bill Weibe and Pam Berg all volunteered.

Business Visitation:

Pam Berg stated that the EDC needs to recruit volunteers for the visitation. A sub-committee is needed. She has compiled a list of 50 businesses to visit. The ratio will be 3 new business to 1 business visited last time. There will be a letter sent to these business to explaining the visitation and will be followed up with a phone call. A total of 10 volunteers will be needed to conduct this survey. Members discussed possible volunteers for this project. The target completion date for the visitation is mid-April with the final results from the state around mid-May.

WETCO:

John Catalano is now with WETCO and no longer with the EDC. WETCO has now been expanded to include Tuftonboro and John is Tuftonboro's Representative. Alice Rose said that she would attend the EDC meetings. Pam Berg has invited WETCO to use the First NH Bank building for their meeting place. This is a good way for the EDC to keep in contact with WETCO. They will be meeting the 1st Tuesday of every month. Pam Berg received a letter from LR Net, (a company that wishes to bring the internet into Wolfeboro). LR Net is looking to bring a node in through the high school. They are looking for financing and Pam was invited to WETCO in an official capacity to represent the bank on a finance committee. The committee will look at loan requests they might have and the banks would participate in. Typically the loan requests are not bankable, high risk loans. First NH would consider these charitable contributions.

Design Guidelines:

Bill Weibe informed the members that this is not the time to introduce the guidelines with Town Meeting approaching. The time to introduce the guidelines will be later March and April. Members discussed a strategy sheet to introduce the guidelines.

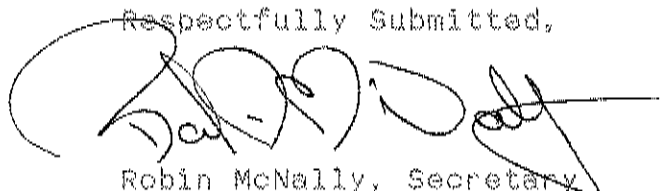
Other Discussion Items:

Members engaged in a discussion regarding ways communicate with the public. The idea of a column in the paper was introduced.

Members discussed the SB2 Petition and what the result will be if this is passed.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Robin McNally, Secretary