WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, July 8, 2008 MINUTES

<u>Members Present:</u> Frank Giebutowski, Acting Chairman, Gene Leone, Vice-Chairman, Tony Triolo, Denise Roy-Palmer, Mike Cooper.

Members Absent: Kristi Ginter, Selectmen's Representative, Mary DeVries, Dave Tower, Bob Reid, Members.

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Acting Chairman Giebutowski opened the meeting at 8:05 AM.

Consideration of Minutes June 10, 2008

It was moved by Tony Triolo and seconded by Gene Leone to approve the June 10, 2008 Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

Economic Development Strategic Planning Invitation to Bid The Committee reviewed the draft RFP for an Economic Development Survey prepared by the Rob Houseman, Town Planner and approved unanimously to accept it and proceed with distribution. The RFP will be posted on several websites.

Denise Roy-Palmer recommended forwarding the RFP to Russ Thibault, Applied Economic Research in Laconia, NH.

Frank Giebutowski requested other members to forward possible respondents to Rob Houseman.

Tony Triolo discussed the importance of a vibrant downtown to economic development in Wolfeboro. He stated the Chamber of Commerce's Community Betterment Committee is working on the look of Downtown to include lighting, burying utility wires and streetscape.

The Committee agreed to meet jointly with the Chamber of Commerce's Community Betterment Committee and the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee; date, time and location to be determined.

Tony Triolo agreed to find out when Wolfeboro Oil will be moving from their Downtown location.

Denise reported that Ocean Bank has provided \$5,000 to fund a Small Business Development Coordinator 2 days/month; this person would be available at the WEDCO office. She stated that when this service was previously offered, the counselor was fully booked and noted an effort under way to create a SCORE chapter in Wolfeboro.

<u>It was moved by Gene Leone and seconded by Tony Triolo to adjourn the July 8, 2008</u> <u>Economic Development Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.</u>

EDC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2008 @ 8 AM at the Offices of Leone, McDonnell & Roberts. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley