

WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present: Frank Giebutowski, Acting Chairman, Gene Leone, Vice-Chairman, , Mary DeVries, Denise Roy-Palmer, Tony Triolo, Members.

Members Absent: Kristi Ginter, Selectmen's Representative, Mike Cooper, Bob Reid, Dave Tower, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Acting Chairman Giebutowski opened the meeting at 8:12 AM.

Consideration of Minutes

February 10, 2009

It was moved by Gene Leone and seconded by Mary DeVries to approve the February 10, 2009 Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

February 11, 2009

Corrections:

Page 1, 5th question; strike 2nd sentence, replace with "Planning Board has a Smart Growth initiative however, a committee does not exist."

It was moved by Gene Leone and seconded by Mary DeVries to approve the February 11, 2009 Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The Board tabled such until 4/14/09.

➤ Warrant Article

Tony Triolo stated that without the full support of the government, nothing is going to happen. He stated the Master Plan gives government direction however, the Economic Development objectives are being bypassed.

Frank Giebutowski stated he met with Rob Houseman and Dave Owen; noting the discussion recommended requesting the bidder to provide cost estimates to phase the study. He stated the Planning Board is reviewing commercial properties and noted the results of such would be useful to the EDC's study. He questioned private sources for funding; Wolfeboro Fund through the NH Charitable Foundation and a community reinvestment program through local banks.

Denise Roy-Palmer stated she is aware of one individual interested in contributing. She stated WEDCO could be the applicant for the grant through NH Charitable Foundation.

Gene Leone stated he could solicit Ocean Bank and Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Denise Roy-Palmer stated she could contact Citizens Bank.

Frank Giebutowski stated Rob Houseman and Denise Roy-Palmer conducted the reference checks on Mettee and Arnett.

Denise Roy-Palmer stated the one greatest distinction between the two candidates was that Mettee provided peer references rather than client references. She stated Arnett was much more outstanding; noting he is very responsive and would continue to provide support following the completion of the study.

It was moved by Denise Roy-Palmer and seconded by Tony Triolo to select Arnett Development Group to conduct the Economic Development Strategic Planning Study. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Frank Giebutowski stated he would contact Stu Arnett and inform him of the Committee's decision and request a cost estimate for a phasing schedule.

It was moved by Gene Leone and seconded by Denise Roy-Palmer to adjourn the March 24, 2009 Economic Development Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.

EDC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 @ 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