

WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present: Gene Leone, Vice-Chairman, Kristi Ginter, Selectman's Representative, Mike Cooper, Tony Triolo, Dave Tower, Denise Roy-Palmer, Members.

Members Absent: Frank Giebutowski, Acting Chairman, Bob Reid, Mary DeVries, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Vice-Chairman Leone opened the meeting at 8:05 AM.

Consideration of Minutes

May 12, 2009

It was moved by Dave Tower and seconded by Kristi Ginter to approve the May 12, 2009 Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee minutes as submitted. Denise Roy-Palmer, Dave Tower, Mike Cooper, Gene Leone voted in favor. Tony Triolo, Kristi Ginter abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **EDC Member Roles (Draft)**

The Committee reviewed such and noted the following;

#1; Tony Triolo recommended including Workforce Housing and volunteered to inform / educate, via a letter, the local realtors of DRED's website (encouraging use of such). Denise Roy-Palmer volunteered to contact DRED to request the current status of the database.

#2; Staff volunteered to compile a list of commercial properties within specific zoning districts to include owner name, mailing address, physical address of property, TM # & square footage of building / unit.

Referencing #2, the Committee discussed the outlet by which to supply the information to the public; recommended placing information on the Town's website and providing a packet at the Planning & Development Office at the Town Hall.

#3; The Committee tabled such until Mr. Giebutowski could explain the intent of such.

#4; Role of WEDCO. Financial aspects are noted in the Guide to Doing Business in Wolfeboro.

#5; Bob Reid volunteered to facilitate such (per the EDC minutes of 5/12/09).

#6; Request Roger Murray to attend an EDC meeting (per the EDC minutes of 5/12/09).

#7; Determined from the study.

#9; WEDCO and the Chamber of Commerce partner together to sponsor a speaker series to assist small businesses.

➤ **Funding of Market Study**

Denise Roy-Palmer stated \$3,500 has been committed from private funding; noting she has informed the NH Charitable Foundation of such. She stated the grant to the NH Charitable Foundation is for \$7,500.

Gene Leone stated he contacted Ocean Bank however, has not received a response to date. He stated he also contacted Meredith Village Savings Bank who informed him grants are distributed in October and an increased amount could be received at that time. He stated Meredith Village Savings Bank requested information and he would contact them regarding such.

Denise Roy-Palmer stated she contacted Stu Arnett and informed him of the status of funding for the study.

The Committee reviewed the draft press release for the Granite State News regarding the study and funding for such.

Gene Leone questioned the need for increased publicity of the EDC.

Mike Cooper recommended supplying Tom Beeler, Granite State News, the press release to aid in his development of an article. He stated it is important for people to know the funds are being handled through WEDCO (501C3 organization) and recommended such be included in the article.

Dave Tower stated the importance of reiterating the warrant article for the study failed at the polls, the EDC is a government Committee and the BOS support such.

➤ **Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

The Committee tabled such until the 7/14/09 meeting.

It was moved by Gene Leone and seconded by Denise Roy-Palmer to adjourn the June 9, 2009 Economic Development Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.

EDC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2009 @ 8 AM at the Offices of Leone, McDonnell & Roberts.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley