

WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Kristi Ginter, Selectman's Representative, Mike Cooper, Bob Reid, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

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

Consideration of Minutes

June 9, 2009

It was moved by Dave Tower and seconded by Denise Roy-Palmer to approve the June 9, 2009 Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee minutes as submitted. Gene Leone, Tony Triolo, Dave Tower, Denise Roy-Palmer voted in favor. Frank Giebutowski, Mary DeVries abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

➤ **Funding of Market Study**

Denise Roy-Palmer stated \$3,500 has been committed towards the funding of the study however, the request for funding from the NH Charitable Foundation was denied; noting that she believes such was related to the volume of requests. She stated there is another funding round for a \$5,000 grant (Community Impact Grant).

Gene Leone stated Meredith Village Savings Bank has a grant application process; noting money would be available in October.

Denise Roy-Palmer stated Great Waters issues scholarships as well.

Frank Giebutowski questioned the Wolfeboro Fund.

Denise Roy Palmer stated the money is managed by the NH Charitable Foundation and noted Roger Murray has financial control over the fund.

Frank Giebutowski stated he would contact Mr. Murray and schedule a meeting with Rob Houseman to discuss a donation from the fund.

The Board discussed the phasing of the study, the budget process and whether to request funding for Phase I or Phase II, timing of funding / grants from other sources (Meredith Village Savings Bank, NH Charitable Foundation, Wolfeboro Fund).

Denise Roy-Palmer stated she would submit the press release to Granite State News.

➤ **EDC Member Roles**

The Committee reviewed such and noted the following;

#1; Tony Triolo stated he sent out the information to all local realtors regarding DRED's website. Denise Roy-Palmer stated the DRED database is still utilized. **Completed**

#2; Staff stated she is currently in the process of compiling 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.

#3; Frank Giebutowski stated he was aware of a previous effort by the Chamber of Commerce regarding such however, was unclear as to why the process ceased. Mary DeVries stated such ended in 1999; noting the Chamber of Commerce determined it was not a valuable tool. Tony Triolo stated the only information received by business owners was that Wolfeboro was not a business friendly town. He stated he feels there has been a change in the atmosphere at the town recently; noting a few people have commented on the friendliness of the town. Denise Roy-Palmer stated she has received the same positive feedback. The Committee agreed to remove / table #3 from the list of member roles.

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

#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). **Schedule for August**

#7; Determined from the study.

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

- **Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
The Committee tabled such.

It was moved by Frank Giebutowski and seconded by Gene Leone to adjourn the July 14, 2009 Economic Development Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.

EDC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 @ 8 AM at the Offices of Leone, McDonnell & Roberts.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley