WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE February 9, 2010 MINUTES

<u>Members Present:</u> Frank Giebutowski, Acting Chairman, Gene Leone, Vice-Chairman, Mary DeVries, Denise Roy-Palmer, Members.

<u>Members Absent:</u> Kristi Ginter, Selectman's Representative, Bob Reid, Dave Tower, Mike Cooper, Tony Triolo, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Giebutowski opened the meeting at 8:09 AM.

Discussion Items

Guest; Roger Hawk, Hawk Associates

Frank Giebutowski informed Mr. Hawk the funding for Phase I is in the Town's operating budget.

Roger Hawk stated Phase I would include review and comparison of statistics (SWAT analysis & location quotient analysis) to draw a trend analysis and conclusion to merge the facts with the community's goals. He stated the study would compare ratios of local economy to some larger sector of the market (local v. regional market).

Gene Leone questioned how the statistics are compiled and the base used to compile the information.

Roger Hawk replied the US Census and Ergonomics Census.

Frank Giebutowski questioned whether Wolfeboro would be compared to like communities.

Roger Hawk replied yes.

Gene Leone stated the Planning Board had recommended changes to zoning and questioned how the study would affect such.

Roger Hawk stated the results could result in potential zoning changes. He questioned what initiatives / efforts the Town has taken to understand and promote economic activity.

Mary DeVries stated the study has been the Committee's primary focus. She reviewed current population statistics and stated the Chamber of Commerce's EDC is currently compiling an inventory of businesses.

Roger Hawk requested the inventory be forwarded upon completion in addition to any surveys, reports or studies completed for the Town.

The Committee reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the Town.

Respectfully Submitted, Lee Ann Keathley Lee Ann Keathley