

WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
August 10, 2010
MINUTES

Members Present: Frank Giebutowski, Acting Chairman, Gene Leone, Vice-Chairman, Linda Murray, Selectman's Representative, Mike Cooper, Mary DeVries, Members.

Members Absent: Tony Triolo, Denise Roy-Palmer, Dave Tower, Bob Reid, Members.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Acting Chairman Giebutowski opened the meeting at 8:07 AM.

Consideration of Minutes

July 12, 2010

Corrections:

Page 1, 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence; add "because self employed do not report" to the end of the sentence.

It was moved by Mike Cooper and seconded by Linda Murray to approve the July 12, 2010 Economic Development Committee minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion Item

➤ **Phase I Wolfeboro Economic Report – Draft 3.3**

Linda Murray stated the lakes are the Town's biggest economic engine; noting that if such is lost then the Town loses its tax structure.

Gene Leone questioned the quality of the public schools.

Frank Giebutowski noted the need to increase off season participation.

Linda Murray stated the Town is looking at a private public partnership; noting the more the community can build such the more successful it will be.

Mike Cooper stated the observations made toward education have some merit however such needs to be targeted to the audience.

Linda Murray stated she has an issue with a 2-tiered community; noting none of it is in the report. She questioned EDC's vision for the Town.

The Committee reviewed such and provided the following comments;

- Existing infrastructure is not all positive; noting huge building and road issues
- Findings & conclusions should be based on data that is indisputable; need a firm link between data and interpretation of such
- Lack of clear and consistent vision has not been addressed; questioning what is the shared vision

The Committee observed many unsubstantiated comments such as modern IT; noting the statements don't necessarily equate to economic growth. The Committee agreed to submit a letter to Stu Arnett and Roger Hawk relative to the review and discussion of the Phase I Wolfeboro Economic Report (Draft 3.3).

The Committee cancelled the presentation of the report to the BOS (scheduled for 8/18/10).

➤ **2011 Budget**

The Committee reviewed the budget and agreed to the following;

- Add a new line item; Advertising \$250
- Consultants; add \$14,500 (Phase II)

Frank Giebutowski stated he would speak to Denise Roy-Palmer regarding potential grant money.

Gene Leone stated he would contact Ocean Bank as a potential funding source.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Gene Leone to adjourn the August 10, 2010 EDC meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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