

# WOLFEBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 23, 2011

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Paul O'Brien, Co-Chairperson, Denise Roy-Palmer, Co-Chairperson, Frank Giebutowski, Mary DeVries, Bob Ness, Charles Wibel, Members.

**Members Absent:** Tony Triolo, Mike Cooper, Members, Dave Bowers, Linda Murray, Selectman's Representatives.

**Staff Present:** Dave Owen, Town Manager, Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

*Co-Chairperson Denise Roy Palmer opened the meeting at 5:02 PM.*

### **Discussion Item**

#### ➤ **Mission Statement**

Following review & discussion of the letter submitted by Paul O'Brien outlining three options for the Mission Statement, dated 5/10/11, the Committee agreed to adopt the following Mission Statement;

*"The Mission of the Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee is to identify barriers and opportunities to enhance the economic growth and opportunity of the Wolfeboro community and all of its constituents and to champion the actions necessary to achieve economic growth and benefits that exceed growth in our county and state while also balancing impacts on the Town's environment, character and culture."*

*This mission will be achieved through the following actions:*

- *Periodic assessments of the health of the Wolfeboro's economy as measured by comparing the Town's job, income, and employment statistics with our county, state and national statistics.*
- *Collaborate with the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, other Town committees and the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce to ensure that the economic impact of ordinances and decisions are properly considered.*
- *Identify and take appropriate actions or cause other town entities, both public and private, to take actions that will provide economic benefit to our citizens, existing businesses and new businesses that may be attracted to our Town.*
- *Develop action plans to address weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the Town's economic health.*

#### **Objectives:**

- A. Job Growth: By the end of 2020 grow the number of jobs in Wolfeboro by 50% above 2010 levels.
- B. Business Opportunity Improvement: By the end of 2016 inspect, review, revise, and replace as needed the laws, rules, regulations, and policies that impact businesses.
- C. Tax Base Diversification: Continuing through the rest of the decade add, minimally, five year-round businesses to the tax base.

*It was moved by Charles Wibel and seconded by Bob Ness to adopt the EDC Mission Statement as presented above. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.*

Paul O'Brien verified the Economic Development Director position does not exist.

Dave Owen stated the duties were spread between Rob Houseman, Staff and himself.

Charles Wibel stated there is no need for an Economic Development Director if the EDC does their job correctly.

Dave Owen agreed with Mr. Wibel.

Task: Review the Master Plan Implementation Matrix and present the Mission Statement to the BOS.

*It was moved by Denise Roy-Palmer and seconded by Mary DeVries to adjourn the May 23, 2011 EDC meeting. All members voted in favor.*

*EDC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 @ 8 AM at the Wolfeboro Inn Library.*

*There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lee Ann Keathley*  
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