

Town of Waterboro

Economic Development Committee

Minutes

November 3, 2014

Call to Order: 3:10 PM, by Chairman Leo Binette. Present: Don Holden and Susan Rocray, members; Lisa Hughes, Ex-Officio Member. Also present: Sel. Dennis Abbott, Town Planner, Tom Ursia, 20/20 Chm. Bob Powers, and guest: Sharon Abbott. Absent: Deb Harding and John Wade members.

Agenda Review and Acceptance: Don made the motion to accept the agenda as amended – removing ‘Table to December’ under New Business to discuss Biddeford/Saco Chamber of Commerce. Leo seconded. Voted, passed.

Minutes: Don made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting. Leo seconded. Voted, passed.

Correspondence: None

Announcements: None.

Old Business:

Economic Business Summit – Nov. 21, 2014: Discussed distribution of flyers provided by Abbott’s UPS store. Cost of ads in The Reporter and The Smart Shopper will be \$602.72. Goal is to have 50 attendees. Everyone to let Tom know who is coming so that he can keep a count. WAB members were notified today via e-mail. Discussed mailing a postcard to non-WAB members, also contacting youth leadership at Massabesic High School, Town Hall personnel, Committee members, Lions Club, Lake Arrowhead Community and having media coverage of the event. Leo stated that he has the food covered. Don will have the Grange Hall open at 7 AM. Setup will be the afternoon of the 20th, time to be determined.

Committee Work Plan for 2014-15: Tabled to December.

Draft Economic Development Chapter for the Comprehensive Plan: Tabled to December.

New Business:

Current Economic Development Update: 1) Tom reported that Aroma Joe’s have received their approvals. They hope to break ground by the 1st. of December. 2) Little Ossipee Lake Campground has gone thru intensive review by the Planning Board, who are currently working on the conditional uses of the project, pending DEP approval. 3) General Dollar is on the Planning Board’s agenda for Nov. 5th. for final approval. Due to this applicant’s process, the

Planning Board is working on design standards as a guideline for future commercial buildings being built in Waterboro.

Collaborative agreement & possible equitable membership package with Biddeford/Saco Chamber of Commerce: Tom recommended to the Committee that the Town join the Chamber. The Town Administrator is supportive of the community, not the EDC, becoming a member at a cost of \$1,000., which would come from the EDC's budget on a trial basis. If Waterboro decides to join, the Chamber would give November & December, 2014 membership at no cost. The Chamber will be in attendance at the Business Summit and it would be a good time to announce joining their group. Don felt that if the Town joined, it should be relooked at the end of the year to confirm that it was worth joining before renewing the membership. Don made the motion to join the Biddeford/Saco Chamber of Commerce from November, 2014 thru December, 2015 at a cost of \$1,000. and, that the membership is reviewed before renewing for 2016. Sue seconded. Voted, passed.

General Discussion: None.

Adjourn: Sue made the motion to adjourn at 4:45 PM. Don seconded. Voted, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Holden
Committee Secretary

Approved November 17, 2014