

AGENDA
SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 3, 2023
9:00 AM
Council Room

Members:

Matt Dubois
Billy Finley
Donna McGorty
Patric Moore
Cole Clement
Reid Gibson
Steve Gray
Steve Govoni
Hunter Clark

Others Present:

Jeff Hewett, Director of Econ. & Comm. Dev.
Lisa Gallant, Recording Secretary

1. **Call regular meeting to order.**
2. **Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes from the April 5, 2023 regular meeting.**
3. **Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials for April 25, 2023**
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Update on New Balance Project Tif**
 - b. **Update on Consolidated Comm. Grant**
 - c. **Update on Madison ave Water Co project**
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion on Renaissance heating system for the 2nd floor**
 - b. **Discussion on SEDC Budget line items-see attached budget sheet**
6. **Items by the members**
7. **Economic & Community Development office items**
 - a. **board visit to Northgate in June**

MINUTES
SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 5th, 2023
9:00 am
Council Room

Members present:

Matt Dubois
Billy Finley
Donna McGorty
Patric Moore
Hunter Clark – left at 10:14am

Absent:

Cole Clement
Reid Gibson
Steve Gray
Steve Govoni
Recording Secretary
Lisa Gallant

1. Call regular meeting to order.

9:05 a.m. Matt Dubois called meeting to order.

2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes from the March 1st, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion by Billy Finley 1st – Donna McGorty 2nd Vote 5/0 motion carries

3. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials for March 2023.

Matt Dubois would like to see the month by class, and financial activity year to date. He would also like to see the budget after it is started.

Jeff Hewett and Donna McGorty have set a date of Wednesday April 12th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to meet regarding individual leases, projects for the next two years and long-term projects.

Motion by Donna McGorty 1st – Billy Finley 2nd Vote 5/0 motion carries

4. Old Business:

a. Update on New Balance Project- proposed projects

Jeff Hewett said the TIF has been submitted to the state, and we met the deadline last week. For improvements down the road, Walnut Street repaving, catch basins and also, development of trails, and replacement of old wooden bridge on Mill Street. Billy Finley asked why replace the bridge if the road is not useable.

Jeff Hewett said that sooner or later, something has to be done because Currier Brook culverts run under New Balance Warehouse.

Jeff Hewett also said that there would be possible low interest loans or grants for fire protection to get water lines across the streets, and sprinkler systems.
Jeff Hewett answered questions on how TIF's work.

b. Update on Consolidated Communications Grant

Jeff Hewett is still waiting on a signed contract with the state. It is taking the attorneys and state longer than usual as it is new to them. There are already people out surveying.

c. Update on Water Company Project

Jeff Hewett said that Jason Finley from the highway department wants us to go to the sidewalks and then stop.

Billy Finley said Steve Govoni wants a cut off. Doesn't want it to go into the buildings, just to the curb and capped off.

Patric Moore said that if they are capped at the curb and not going into the buildings, the business owners will have to have sidewalks torn up to then get it inside.

Jeff Hewett said there are TIF funds for water projects.

Patric Moore said that SEDC should be talking to property owners to get them up to date on the project.

Jeff Hewett said this a water company project.

Patric Moore said this is also a town project.

Jeff Hewett said the water company is doing the updates to the systems and the water company has already talked to businesses.

Patric Moore thinks that going inside of the businesses originally would cost less in the long run.

5. New Business

Nothing

6. Items by the members

Jeff Hewett said there are still heating problems at the Renaissance building. He has called Preble but hasn't got a return telephone call. There may be an option for heat pumps for the front offices. Efficiency of Maine may be of some help with costs.

7. Economic and Community Development office items

a. Board future visits

Jeff Hewett asked if the board would be interested in a visit to Northgate.
Board all were in favor of having a tour / visit at Northgate.

Matt Dubois motioned to adjourn the meeting, Billy Finley 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.