

**Comments**  
**SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**INFORMAL MEETING**  
**January 3, 2018**  
**7:00 AM**  
**Renaissance Center – Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Jason Gayne, Chairman  
Doreen Poulin, Vice-Chairman  
Kurt Maynard  
Todd Smith

**Members Absent:**

Betty Austin  
Kristina Cannon  
Matt Dubois  
Sally Dwyer  
Billy Finley  
Reid Gibson

**Others Present:**

Dena Rich, Recording Secretary  
Jeff Hewett, Director of Economic & Community Dev.

- Due to lack of majority these Minutes are only comments from Board Members present no Board Vote was taken only personal poll vote were taken.

**1. Call regular meeting to order.**

Jason Gayne called meeting to order at 7:05 a.m., quorum was not met.

**2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes the “regular” meeting November 1, 2017 and Email Polls December 15, 2017.**

To be approved at next meeting with full Board vote.

**3. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials from November and December.**

To be approved at next meeting with full Board vote.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Update on Loan/Grant with Bigelow Brewing Company.**

Jeff Hewett let the Board Members present know that the Power’s have paid back SEDC the \$99,000.00 along with the interest only payment. There is one check left of a little over \$3,000.00 to expend out from the grant. They have created one

full time job at this time our office is still waiting on the Low to Moderate Income paperwork for this job. We are also still waiting on further paperwork to be able to drawdown the funds from the State to finalize the grant.

## **5. New Business**

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

## **6. Member Topics**

**Broadband-** No updates at this meeting.

**Natural Gas-** No updates for this meeting.

**Acquisition/Development-** Jeff Hewett let the Board know that the KVI is a vacant building again. The Business that was in the building has moved to the golf shop at Loon's Cove. Jeff Hewett did let the Board know that there are grant funds that can be used to take the building down and replace it with another structure and how to create jobs out of it; but grant funds cannot be used to buy the building.

Jeff Hewett said if the Board is open to working on this project he would go speak with Dale Thorpe. He said it would be something to think about throughout the year to make it a viable project and also to think of groups who may be interested in buying the property and working with them to fix the property up.

**Marketing-** No updates at this meeting.

**Run of River-** No updates for this meeting.

## **7. Items by the Members**

Jason Gayne asked were the loans were standing at?

Jeff Hewett said that Amy Verville came in the other day and caught her loan up and her next payment will be in February. Rick Lyons is behind but he always pays his loans up; this is the second or third loan we have done with him and every one of them he has struggle with payments; we do have security on this loan. Jeff Hewett said that we have not seen any movement except for one payment on Traci Robbins from sending the letter from the attorney; but we have no security on that loan.

Todd Smith asked if since we replaced the boiler if we have had any issues?

Jeff Hewett said at this time we have had no issues. We did have to have them come back for an unrelated issue for the circulator in the conference room, there was a loose fitting.

## **8. Economic & Community Development office Items**

Jeff Hewett let the Board Members present know that our office submitted yesterday the Letter of Intent for the 2018 Façade Grant. Jeff Hewett said we are also looking for individuals to sit on the Façade Committee, if anyone knows of someone or if anyone here would like to be on this committee please contact our office.

Jeff Hewett let the Board Members present know that we are in the final two weeks of the RFQ for the Energy Audit; which will take up a good portion of this year and next year for construction as a project from which ever company we select. This project will be for the Municipal Building, Community Center, Pollution Control and Highway to see what we can do for energy improvements and to fund it all out of the savings cost instead of raising new funds.

Jeff Hewett let the Board Members present know that at the next Selectmen Meeting the Downtown TIF Committee will be making recommendation for a \$20,000.00 grant to Jason Cooke on remodeling on 151 Water Street; His project for these funds is to start on the first floor of the building.

Jeff Hewett also let the Board Members present know that we had to put a hold on the bolt tighten work at the Northgate Industrial Building. The Contractor's wife has been in the Lewiston Hospital for the last two weeks with pancreatic issues. Hopefully he will be back in the next week or so and we will have this work done. Jeff Hewett said he has talked with others and feels that in a building like this the bolts rarely loosen it may have just been these bolts never had gotten tighten when first built. They would have never been noticed if New Balance hadn't been changing light bulbs and were at the right angle to see them.