

Minutes
SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2019
7:00 AM
Renaissance Center – Conference Room

Members Present:

Jason Gayne, Chairman
Doreen Poulin, Vice-Chairman
Matt Dubois
Sally Dwyer
Billy Finley
Kurt Maynard

Members Absent:

Betty Austin
Todd Smith, Treasurer
Kristina Cannon
Reid Gibson

Others Present:

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

1. Call regular meeting to order.

Jason Gayne called meeting to order at 7:02 a.m., quorum was met.

2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes the “regular” meetings September 5, 2018 and December 5, 2018.

Motion by Kurt Maynard seconded by Billy Finley to approve the minutes from the “regular” meeting September 5, 2018 and December 5, 2018 as written. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

3. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials from September, October, November and December.

Motion by Billy Finley, seconded by Matt Dubois to approve the financials from September, October, November and December. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

The Board had a brief discussion about Traci Robbins Loan.

4. Old Business

- a. Discussion and decision the process of the disposing of Amanda Clark-Quirion’s equipment.**

Jeff Hewett let the Board know that the equipment is at the Highway Garage; it is in fairly good condition. We are chasing the bill of sale with Amanda and her lawyer. Once we have the bill of sale, we are free to sell the equipment. A few of the members responded to the email that Jason sent out about just having potential buyers go up and look at the equipment and put a bid in and take the highest bid. Jeff Hewett asked if that is how the Board would like to sell the equipment or would they like to establish a price or a minimum?

Matt Dubois said we could do an auction style and set a minimum.

Billy Finley said we can put a reserve amount of each piece of equipment.

Jason Gayne agreed with both Matt and Billy. He said he has talked with multiple people who are interested in the equipment. He is hoping that by the next meeting we would get the bids and open them up at the meeting and then respond to the highest bidders.

The Board agreed they liked the recommendation from the email of 50 % of the original price of the equipment and bid out and tabulate the bids and send the information out in an email to the Board.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and decision on the request from the Maple Fest Committee to use the KVI Lot in March.

Jeff Hewett let the Board know that the Maplefest Committee would like to use the KVI lot to display the antique tractors during Maplefest.

Billy Finley asked if we were covered for any liability for people walking around on the property.

Jeff Hewett said it would be the same as for the Town asking the group to be covered. Jeff believed it was Main Street who covered that and would request that we be added as the additionally insured.

Motion by Billy Finley, seconded by Matt Dubois to allow the Maplefest Committee to use the KVI lot in March and proved our office with proof of adding SEDC as the additionally insured for the event. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

b. Discussion and decision to discharge and authorize Jason Gayne as Chairman to sign the Lienholder release on a 2002 Chev Express Van to Marcus and Angel Paradis.

Motion by Matt Dubois, seconded Sally Dwyer to discharge and authorize Jason Gayne as Chairman to sign the lienholder release on a 2002 Chev Express Van to Marcus and Angel Paradis. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

6. Member Topics

Broadband- Jeff Hewett let the Board know that there are two survey's out; one which we are working with a company looking to come into the area, their interested in doing Broadband with TV. The second one is from the State of Maine and they are trying to get an accurate response to people's speeds that they have access to. This last survey is State wide they are working to correct the speeds maps that are out for the whole State.

Natural Gas- Jeff Hewett let the Board know that with the Energy Project we are going to be converting over the Municipal Building and Community Center to Propane, so we are set up to change over to Natural Gas if it comes through.

Jeff Hewett said he feels we should still promote it because it will help a lot of people when it does get fixed. This is if they can fix the bottle neck issue in southern Maine and come up with a better idea for that pipe line to get opened up in some way.

Acquisition/Development- No updates at this time.

Marketing- Jeff Hewett let the Board know that there is a promotion for Skowhegan with Bangor Savings Bank, he hasn't looked the information over.

Matt Dubois asked if it is the employee local?

Jeff Hewett said he believed so. He said when he gets a chance to look over the information and if SEDC can assist in anyway he said he would send out the information to the Board.

Run of River- Billy Finley let the Board know that the 3-D Modeling is happening now.

7. Items by the Members

Matt Dubois asked if there has been interest in the KVI Lot with the realtor?

Jeff Hewett said he has had no one who has put in a request there have been many go look at the site though.

Jason Gayne let the Board know that the Charter School is now using half of the second floor for the students. The goal is to have the other half open in August, there have been a few setbacks with scheduling.

There was a brief discussion about T & B's in Waterville due to issues with the City and State. So, Jason Gayne said that there will be a post for the building in Waterville for sale on the Chamber's newsletter to help resolve this problem.

Jason Gayne let the Board know that in February there will be some public hearings that he is working with the Planning Board to revise five of the ordinances to help businesses in Town; that will be voted on in June.

Jason Gayne let the Board know that April 6, 2019 is Hospice Annual Dinner and Auction at T & B's in Skowhegan.

Billy Finley let the Board know that January 31st is Pizza with a Purpose at The Miller's Table for the Skowhegan Ski Team.

8. Economic & Community Development Office Items

Jeff Hewett let the Board know that Greg Salisbury is selling his building beside the Renaissance Center. They also own half of the parking lot, so we may be working with new owners in the future.

Jason Gayne asked if we could install lights that face out in our Parking Lot behind the Renaissance Center. He said he has had a few people come to him and ask if that could happen since they are walking up to the building and it is rather dark.

Jeff Hewett said he would get pricing on solar or a hard-wired light system.

Jeff Hewett let the Board know we are in the process of getting financing for the energy Audit project and will be going in front the Selectmen on January 22nd.

Jeff Hewett also let the Board know we are working on the online mapping program and will be available to the public in the next month hopefully.

Motion to adjourn by Billy Finley, seconded by Matt Dubois.