

Minutes
SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2020
7:00 AM
Renaissance Center – Conference Room

Members Present:

Kurt Maynard, Chairman (Left at 7:40 a.m.)
Betty Austin
Matt Dubois
Sally Dwyer
Reid Gibson

Members Absent:

Billy Finley, Vice-Chairman
Jason Gayne, Treasurer
Kristina Cannon
Todd Smith

Others Present:

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

1. Call regular meeting to order.

Kurt Maynard called the meeting to order at 7:08 a.m., quorum was met.

2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes the “regular” meeting November 6, 2019 and “comments” from the December 4, 2019 meeting.

Motion by Matt Dubois, seconded by Betty Austin to approve the minutes from the “regular” meeting November 6, 2019 and “comments” from the December 4, 2019 meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

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

Motion by Reid Gibson, seconded by Matt Dubois to approve the financials from November, December and January. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion and decision sign design for Southgate.

Motion by Reid Gibson, seconded by Matt Dubois to go with sign option #2 with the concrete pad, also have SEDC spelled out at the bottom of the sign for springtime. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

5. New Business

- a. **Make recommendation to the Selectmen to write off the RLF loan to Amanda Clark-Quirion owner of The Maine Barkery for \$18,836.00.**

Motion by Betty Austin, seconded by Reid Gibson to make recommendation to the Selectmen to write off the RLF loan to Amanda Clark-Quirion owner of The Maine Barkery for \$18,836.00. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

6. Items by the Real Estate Sub-Committee Members.

- a. **Discussion on future development for the KVI Lot.**

Jeff Hewett passed out an offer the office received yesterday from Darrell Blodgett on the KVI Lot. The Members present looked over the offer.

Jeff Hewett did let the Board know that Darrell's offer was the same as Amber Lambke's offer she did counter offer and had increased to \$65,000.00.

Motion by Matt Dubois, seconded by Kurt Maynard to reject Darrell Blodgett offer of \$50,000.00 for the KVI Lot. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

The Board did say that Darrell Blodgett could come to the Board and present his idea for the property to the Board. They were not accepting the build to suit idea.

The Board had a brief discussion about reengaging with the Amber Lambke since she has received the grant to do research on what is needed in the area-based businesses' she is working with. Amber Lambke told Jeff she is willing to show us the results of the study even if we do not work with her.

7. Project Updates

Broadband, Comprehensive Plan, Electric Car Charging Stations, Marketing of Southgate, Run of River

Comprehensive Plan- Jeff Hewett said that the Planning Board is working on starting this but there is no set timeframe yet, but we need to start thinking of how SEDC wants to get involved.

Electric Car Charging Station- Jeff Hewett said he took to the Selectmen for recommendation to reject the grant and to do a lease agreement for the charging stations in the springtime.

Run of River- Matt Dubois said that we are waiting on the 3D Modeling at this time.

8. Items by the Members

Matt Dubois asked about putting up a sign for the Retail space advertising it is available.

Jeff Hewett let Matt know that our office had put one in the windows a few days ago.

9. Economic & Community Development Office Items

Jeff Hewett said the Town has applied for the 2020 Façade Grant and that if anyone knows businesses interested to please send them to our office for more information.