

**MINUTES**  
**SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING**  
**March 3, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Municipal Building Council Room, Online Zoom Meeting & Facebook Live**

**Members Present:**

Billy Finley, Chairman  
Matt Dubois- Vice Chairman  
Jason Gayne, Treasurer  
Kristina Cannon  
Reid Gibson  
Cole Clement  
Steve Gray

**Members Absent:**

Betty Austin  
Todd Smith

**Others Present:**

Jeff Hewett, Director of Economic & Community Dev.  
Renee Belliveau, Recording Secretary

**Others by Invite:**

Billie Clark: 9:07am-9:21am  
Peter Bastien: 9:22am-9:30am

**1. Call meeting to order.**

Billy Finley called the meeting to order at 9:04am., quorum was met.

**2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes from December 2, 2020.**

Motion by Jason Gayne, seconded by Reid Gibson to approve the minutes from the “regular” meeting from February 2, 2020, vote 7-0 motion carried.

**3. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials from November, December of 2020 and January of 2021**

Motion by Jason Gayne, seconded by Steve Gray to approve the financials from February 2021. Vote 7-0 motion carried.

#### **4. Old Business**

- a. Discussion and decision on comprehensive plan.**
  - 1. See attached: questions from Joel Greenwood**
- b. Update on setup of request for quotes from contractors for lock installation on the bathroom doors at the Renaissance Center.**
- c. Update on issuing of hex keys for Renaissance Center renters to lock doors after clients leave for the evening.**

These items will be addressed at the next meeting, April 7, 2021 due to lack of time.

#### **5. New Business**

- a. Discussion and decision of Peter Bastien's loan application.**
  - 1. Discussion Executive Session in accordance with M.R.S.A Title 1 §405 (6)(F) to discuss loan review.**

Motion by Jason Gayne, seconded by Reid Gibson to go into Executive Session in accordance with M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405 (6)(F) to discuss loan review at 9:31 a.m. and to allow Renee Belliveau to stay in the room. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Motion by Matt Dubois, seconded by Cole Clement to come out of Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Motion by Cole Clement, seconded by Kristina Cannon to approve interest rates of 3% for the first year and 5% for the remaining 9 years of the 10 year loan, which includes security in the applications.

- b. Discussion and decision of Billie Clark (Unwined, LLC.) loan application.**
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#### **6. Discussion Executive Session in accordance with M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405 (6)(C) to**

**discuss property negotiations.**

No motions were made on this article, nothing to report.

## **7. Committee Reports by Members**

### **a. Broadband**

Starlink is currently doing testing and is actively looking in our area. Jeff Hewett will send out link for everyone to look into.

### **b. Natural Gas**

### **c. Acquisition/Development**

### **d. Marketing**

### **e. Run of River**

Kristina Cannon had meeting the previous week; things are slowly happening. Jeff Hewett will send out info for the public meeting held by the Dept. of Marine Resources, which will take place March 15 @ 3:00pm. To register, please go to:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q6g\\_QX0gYkubzeoajy-GTo5baXJyS1BDhjrTBf3wUT1UOFNGR0pJOEVDRkNTUVVGQUUxNDRBWlcwSC4u&eTy pe=EmailBlastContent&eId=73b71f0e-fdc6-4dd2-8f30-fe8f3e1a3ea4](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q6g_QX0gYkubzeoajy-GTo5baXJyS1BDhjrTBf3wUT1UOFNGR0pJOEVDRkNTUVVGQUUxNDRBWlcwSC4u&eTy pe=EmailBlastContent&eId=73b71f0e-fdc6-4dd2-8f30-fe8f3e1a3ea4)

## **8. Items by the Members**

Kristina Cannon states we need assessment of Skowhegan businesses, what they need from the community for success. Based on input, support initiatives will be developed. Kristina Cannon will share and report.

## **9. Economic & Community Development Office Items**

New business looking into lots at Southgate, Jeff Hewett will update with more information once it becomes available.

Motion by Reid Gibson, seconded by Kristina Cannon to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 am. Vote 6-0, motion carried.