

Minutes
SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2018
7:00 AM
Renaissance Center – Conference Room

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Betty Austin
Kristina Cannon
Bill Finley
Reid Gibson
Todd Smith, Treasurer

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 7:01 a.m., quorum was met.

2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes the “regular” meeting April 4, 2018.

Motion by Matt Dubois seconded by Sally Dwyer to approve the minutes from the “regular” meeting April 4, 2018 as written. Vote 5-0 motion carried.

3. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials from April.

Motion by Matt Dubois, seconded by Sally Dwyer to approve the financials from April. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

4. Old Business

a. Update from Sub-Committee on KVI Building Fundraising.

Matt Dubois let the Board know that he has a list of grant opportunities that we could apply for. He says he is starting to weed through grant cycles. He said once we have decided on the budget for the project we can start applying for some of these grants. Matt Dubois said he didn't have copies today but he would disseminate the list out to Board.

Kurt Maynard asked can we apply retro actively or do you have wait for the approval?

Matt Dubois said they are not retroactive.

Matt Dubois asked Jeff Hewett if he had followed up with Christian Savage, Executive Director of Somerset EDC, he had stated at the Selectmen Meeting he might have some funds we could use.

Jeff Hewett said he had talked with Christian Savage yesterday. Jeff Hewett said they are not sure how much money there is at the moment, Christian was working on the exact amounts in the account. For the funds to be exchanged from Somerset EDC has to get either the Town or Skowhegan EDC to take over the Pocket Park on the Rotary. The fund that are being talked about are for the maintenance of the Pocket Park.

Matt Dubois asked what the maintenance of the Park was, if we knew?

Jeff Hewett said it is for like if there is vandalism or if trees get damaged or needs replacement if they die. He also said in the winter Somerset EDC pays for someone to shovel the little pathway through the park.

Jeff Hewett asked if there had been discussion with the committee about getting local fundraising?

Matt Dubois once we get a final budget or target number to fundraise for. He said that makes it easier to go ask for money.

There was a brief discussion of what had happened at the Selectmen Meeting, and concerns about the Downtown TIF if we could apply again.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and decision on proposals from Abatement Company's for the KVI Property.

There was a brief discussion of the quotes that Jeff Hewett had presented to the Board of the five different Abatement Company's. Jeff Hewett let the Board know he would not make a recommendation to the Board to use the lowest quote of the five companies based on they were the only company that did not come visit the site.

Motion by Kurt Maynard, seconded by Sally Dwyer to authorize Jeff Hewett to go forward and contract with Eastern Maine Environmental with a price of \$17,880.00 to abate the KVI Building, and to pay this amount using SEDC funds from the general checking account. Vote 4-0-1, Jason Gayne abstained, motion carried. (Agenda items 5 a. and b. were a combined motion and vote)

b. Discussion on proposals for teardown of the KVI Building and budget creation.

Motion by Kurt Maynard, seconded by Sally Dwyer to authorize Jeff Hewett to go forward and contract with Tom McCarthy (McCarthy Enterprises) with a price of \$35,000.00 to teardown and fill the Building/property of the KVI, and to pay for this amount using SEDC funds from the general checking account. Vote 4-0-1, Jason abstained, motion carried. (Agenda items 5 a. and b. were a combined motion and vote)

Making the total budget for the project \$52,880.00

Kurt Maynard said possibly to contact the abutters of the KVI property to also see if they would be willing to contribute some funds to help in the teardown and abatement.

Jeff Hewett said he would work with the Sub-Committee on letters to the abutters for that.

c. Discussion and decision on Planning and Annual Meeting dates.

The Board Members present agreed to hold the Planning and Annual Meeting on the same day for June 6, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at Renaissance Center.

6. Member Topics

Broadband- No updates at this time.

Natural Gas- No updates at this time.

Acquisition/Development- No updates at this time.

Marketing- No updates at this time.

Run of River- No updates at this time.

7. Items by the Members

At this time there was no items by the Members.

8. Economic & Community Development Office Items

Jeff Hewett let the Board know that while talking with Tom McCarthy yesterday it came up that he is looking for some fill for his subdivision. There was a discussion that potentially we could swap some of the fill we had at the lots in Southgate for Tom to do some of the leveling on the lots.

Jason Gayne said Tom would come up with a price per yard; Tom thinks he needs 500-600 yards of fill he needs, so the price would equal for the equipment to come in and level the lot.

Jeff Hewett also let the Board know that when Civil Arms was building their facility we had them place about 500-600 yards of fill in those lots from their lot.

Motion by Matt Dubois, seconded by Kurt Maynard to barter leveling for fill at Southgate Industrial Park with and agreement between SEDC and McCarthy Enterprises. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Jeff Hewett said he would get the final numbers from Tom and let the Board know and if there is an issue we could stop the agreement.

Motion to adjourn by Matt Dubois, seconded by Sally Dwyer at 7:39 a.m.