

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2021

Next Meeting: Monday May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:10 pm.

Present: Alvin Theriault, Julie Johnston, Lois Eash and Jeff Packard.

Guests: None

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of March 22, 2021.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for April 22, 2021. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

Millinocket Lake Project: Because of the rising cost of building material, there is not enough funds to construct the Bathroom as planned. Fred Michaud is working on an alternative plan and to get the Maine DOT to act with their matching funds to get the project underway to satisfy the USDA.

Office Manager's Report:

Food Pantry Report: March: 77 Households served, Sherman – 31 Households Stacyville – 17 Households and Other Towns - 29 Households for a total of 162 people. February: 72 Households served, Sherman - 32 Households, Stacyville - 15 Households, and Other Towns - 25 Households for a total of 156 people.

The UVEC Food Pantry received an online donation from Dava Davin of Falmouth Maine.

Business up-date: The Aroostook Savings and Loan - Meeting on Friday April 23 at 11:30 am with Sherry Clark - Branch Manager in Presque Isle has been rescheduled for Friday April 30 at 11:30.

Scenic Byway Update: 501 © 3 application submitted April 8.

UVEC RBEG Update: There is \$57,271.69 available to lend.

Sherman Boralax Plant: Alvin informed the Board the the owners of he Bio Mass Plant want Mervyn to purchase the Plant. Mervyn is not interested in buying the entire Plant. The project may happen somewhere else.

Broadband/Fiber Optics: There is federal funding for High Speed Internet and some of it will be coming to Maine.

Solar Project: Sean Thies, PE, Senior Project Manager will be getting the permit for the project.

County Wind Project: No Update.

Meeting ended 4:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Qualey, Treasurer