

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2017

Next Meeting: Monday March 27, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:05 pm.

Present: Alvin Theriault, John Qualey, Lois Eash, Steve Gould, John Owens, Brian McQuarrie, and Jeff Packard.

Guests: Jill Ducharme - Sustainable Writing & Consulting and Rep. Chris Johanson

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of January 23, 2017.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for February 27, 2017. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

Amendments to agenda: None
Chairman's Report

1. **2017 Budget:** After reviewing the invoice summary for the year 2016 from Jill, the Board decided to budget \$6,000.00 for her services in 2017. John Qualey made a motion to budget \$6,000 in 2017 for Jill. Lois Eash Seconded. The motion passed. John Qualey made a motion to accept the final budget for UVEC in 2017. Steve Gould seconded. The motion passed.

UVEC Grants/Jill Ducharme: Jill had reached out to Town Agent Vonalee Sides about Stacyville sponsoring a grant to the Gloria MacKenzie Foundation for a Handicap Entry Way for the Stacyville Town Office and Downtown Kiosk Sign for Stacyville. Town Agent Sides felt that UVEC should sponsor this grant. After discussion from the Board, it was decided to have UVEC sponsor the grant and to include funds for Stacyville's Veteran's Monument. Jill will be writing a grant proposal to the Betterment Fund for operating funds for UVEC.

Office Manager's Report:

Food Pantry Report for 2-'17:

53 Households Served, Sherman – 23 Households, Stacyville – 13 Households
Other Towns - 17 Households. There were a total of 128 people, 48 of these were senior citizens, 21 were children, and 59 adults. We have 17 volunteers with a total of 96 hours as of 2-27-'17. Through the efforts of Jon Ellis, a pallet of Wood Pellets, (1 ton) were donated to the UVEC Food Pantry and given out in February. Office Manager was contacted by NMDC asking for an in kind donation of his services for the Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Office Manager Packard agreed and the UVEC Office will be a location for Businesses in our area to come for this service. NMDC will be stopping down to the UVEC Office to give Office Manager Packard details and information on this program.

EMDC has received funding for a Brownfield project for Penobscot County. Office Manager Packard was contacted by Lee Palmquist, Project Manager Assistant of the Campbell Environmental Group. Mr Palmquist was looking for someone in the Northern Penobscot County area to serve on the Brownfield Board. Brian McQuarrie will contact Mr. Palmquist to inquire about this project and to see what it requires to serve on the Board.

New Business/Other:

Business up-date: Ed Wright of James Sewall Co. Contacted Office Manager Packard about a Solar Project for Businesses in UVEC's area. Ed will try to stop by the UVEC Office to discuss this project. Ed will be contacting Office Manager Packard when he can stop in. Office Manager Packard will et John Qualey, Alvin Theriault, Brian McQuarrie, Steve Gould, and Lois Eash when this meeting will take place.

Scenic Byway: Meeting was held via phone conference on 2-21-'17. Grant Proposals were submitted in January for the Millinocket Park and in partnership with the Lumbermen's Museum for the Gateway in Patten. A new logo was designed for the KTP Committee and will be on the Face Book page soon. The KTP is filing for Non Profit Status. The Leadership has been restructured and Christine Theriault is the President and Peter Qualey is the Vice President. Stacyville does not have anyone on the KTP Committee and if the UVEC Board knows of anyone that may be interested, have them contact Office Manager Packard.

UVEC RBEG Update: The Wilson's have paid their outstanding balance.

Sherman Boralax Plant: They are now taking applications and also will be hiring a crew to clean up the Plant. Office Manager Packard has the contact information.

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Qualey, Treasurer
