

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2017

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

The meeting was brought to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Guests: None

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of November 28, 2016.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for January 23, 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:** Tabled for next month's meeting.

UVEC Grants/Jill Ducharme: Jill was unable to participate because of a prior commitment.

Office Manager's Report:

Food Pantry Report for 12-'16:

56 Households Served, Sherman – 28 Households, Stacyville – 13 Households
Other Towns - 15 Households. There were a total of 188 people, 39 of these were senior citizens, 21 were children, and 68 adults. We have 20 volunteers with a total of 152.75 hours as of 12-27-'16

Christmas Baskets: 60 Baskets were given out to the citizens in the area.

An inquiry was made Ryan Kelly to have links added to the UVEC Web Site. The links were added.

Carol Curtis gave an invitation for someone from UVEC to become a Board Member of the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce. Membership is required at \$160.00 per year. The UVEC Board decided not to become a member of the Chamber.

New Business/Other:

Business up-date: The Individual interested in starting a Business in Sherman is gathering the required information that the Town of Sherman's Lawyer requested.

Scenic Byway: Meeting was held 12-20-'16 at the Baxter State Park Headquarters. Fred Michaud told the KTP Board that the Governor had pulled the State money out of the Gateway Projects which means that at the present time there is no funding for the Patten project which was to be done this Fall. The KTP Committee has submitted a grant request form the Sewell Foundation to fund the Patten Project.
Millinocket Park Property: Fred has made an offer on the Mini Golf Facility.

Fred is going to the Millinocket Town Council on Thursday to give a presentation to them. The project is to develop a Park. The intent would be for KTP to develop the Park and for the Town of Millinocket to own the property. The KTP Committee is applying for 501 © 3 status.

UVEC RBEG Update: The Wilson's. The loan payments are 3 months behind. A letter was sent asking for them to make payments. Chris Fitzpatrick received a call from the Wilson's telling him they will pay the full amount past due at the end of January.

Sherman Boralax Plant: Office Manager Packard met with Steve Johnson who is in the process of buying the Bio Mass Plant in Stacyville. He is interested in helping the area with economic development. He indicated there would be activity in the plant in February. He is also planning to have a line constructed to Medway to connect to the ISO New England Grid which he is funding the cost for. He is planning to use the excess steam for a Greenhouse Project and is in the process of buying land from Charlie Lane and is looking at former Crawford property for housing for workers at the Plant and to have greenhouses constructed there.

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Qualey, Treasurer
