

## **Upper Valley Economic Council**

Meeting Minutes: March 26, 2018

**Next Meeting: Monday April 23, 2018 at 4:00 pm.**

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

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

**Guests:** Doug Currier - Sherman

**Minutes:** It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of February 26, 2018.

**Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants:** Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for March 26, 2018. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

### **Chairman's Report**

1. **Elections:** A motion was made by Steve Gould to nominate the following as Officers:

Peter Qualey - Chairman

John Qualey - Treasurer

Alvin Theriault - Secretary

Alvin Theriault seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. **Broadband/Fiber Optics:** Peter Qualey gave an update on the ConnectME meeting concerning UVEC's request for an extension. Peter spoke to the Board to address the confusion by the ConnectME Board about the \$34,000 the two Towns needed to raise. The Chairman of ConnectME was impressed with Pioneer Broadband's commitment of \$133,324.00 in cash & \$65,600.00 in equipment. The Chairman of ConnectME made a motion to give UVEC an extension to September 30, 2018. The Board discussed the project further. The Board instructed Office Manager Packard to send a letter to the Gloria MacKenzie Foundation to update them on this latest development.

3. **Bylaw Amendment:** Office Manager Packard passed out a draft of the Bylaw amendment for signing documents. Steve Gould made a motion to accept the change as written. Alvin Theriault seconded it. The motion passed.

**Jill Ducharme Update:** No Update

### **Office Manager's Report**

Food Pantry Statics for February: 53 Households Served, Sherman – 22 Households, Stacyville – 17 Households, Other Towns - 4 Households.

There were a total of 147 people, 41 of these were senior citizens, 53 were children, and 53 adults. We have 23 volunteers with a total of 81.25 hours as of 3-31-'18

A guide to the Monument will be published by the Bangor Daily News. The Guide will include a Welcome to the Katahdin Region, an overview of the Monument, a pull out map, Explore the Monument, things to know and a resource guide for visitors. This Guide will be published as a glossy magazine on April 20, distributed in our full circulation area covering 2/3 of the state and reaching over 120,000 readers. It will also be in all 7 of the Maine Tourism Information Centers along the I-95 corridor from Kittery to Houlton. Available at area Chambers of Commerce and online at bangordailynews.com

Office Manager Packard has sent out letters to out of Town Businesses to be listed in UVEC's Business Guide.

New Business/Other:

Business update: No Update -

Scenic Byway: The next meeting will be held on a future date in April and will be held at the Patten Lumberman's Museum.

UVEC RBEG Update: We have \$15,100.42 to loan out.

Sherman Boralax Plant: No Update

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Qualey, Treasurer

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