

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2021

Next Meeting: Monday June 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Alvin Theriault, Julie Johnston, Lois Eash, John Qualey, Chris Smith and Jeff Packard.

Guests: None

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of April 19, 2021.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for May 17, 2021. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

Millinocket Lake Project: Because of the rising costs of construction Fred is looking into installing two Vault Privies. Fred held a discussion with the USDA to see if they would allow this change. The USDA agreed. Fred is working with the Maine Dot to get the project moving.

Office Manager's Report:

Food Pantry Report: April: 72 Households served, Sherman – 33 Households Stacyville – 17 Households and Other Towns - 23 Households for a total of 166 people. May: 70 Households served, Sherman - 35 Households, Stacyville - 12 Households, and Other Towns - 23 Households for a total of 174 people.

Business up-date: The Aroostook Savings and Loan Meeting on Friday April 30 at 11:30 am with Sherry Clark - Branch Manager in Presque Isle. Members of the UVEC Board were present and a discussion was held about the problems involved with bank for the Amish in our area and the possibility of a Branch Bank established in this area. After several minutes of discussing the steps involved of creating a Branch Bank, President John Swanberg said he would approach his Board about putting a branch in the Sherman Municipal Building. Henry Yoda is in the process of opening a new business.

Scenic Byway Update: Next meeting will be held May 18 at 5:15 pm. We still have not heard from the IRS on the 501© 3 application.

UVEC RBEG Update: There is \$58,123.00 available to lend.

Sherman Boralax Plant: Mervyn is looking into using Green Houses instead on the Chip building to grow the product. Zach Lingley, Consultant for Pickett Mountain Mining Co. contacted UVEC about the former Boralax Bio Mass Plant. The contact information was given. Contact information was exchanged between UVEC and Zach Lingley to keep UVEC informed as the project progresses.

Broadband/Fiber Optics: No update.

Solar Project: The Land has been purchased by Dirigo Solar Co.

County Wind Project: No Update.

Meeting ended 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Qualey, Treasurer