

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2019

Next Meeting: Monday June 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Guests: Mike Michaud - Chairman of the KRDB, Mike Elliott - Economic Director of the Katahdin Region Development Board

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of April 22 , 2019.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for May 20, 2019. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

Mike Elliot: Mike Elliot and Mike Michaud gave a background of the Katahdin Region Development Board (KRDB). There will be 3 Offices for Mike Elliot - 1. Bangor - EMDC Headquarters, Higher Learner center in East Millinocket, and The Patten Recreation Building. The KRDB Region includes the Millinocket area up to Island Falls. Mike Elliott will be working to develop the region and will be working with the various organizations including UVEC and the Municipalities to accomplish this goal. Chairman Qualey gave Mike Elliott a brief history of UVEC. Mike Elliott will help UVEC anyway he can do develop the Sherman & Stacyville area.

Broadband/Fiber Optics: A discussion was held on the importance on constructing Fiber Optics in the Stacyville & Sherman area where it is not presently available. Mike Elliott will assists UVEC in any way he can to bring Fiber Optics to both Towns.

Betterment Grant: The decision on the grant will be forth coming in June.

Gloria MacKenzie Grant Update: Office Manager Packard will be getting the required number of quotes for Stacyville before the June 30th deadline

Office Manager's Report:

The May Food give out had: 53 Households Served

Sherman – 26 Households

Stacyville – 12 Households

Other Towns - 15 Households

There were a total of 134 people served. The UVEC Food Pantry received a donation of 800 lbs of dry goods from the Sherman & Stacyville Post Offices from their Food Drive.

Office Manager Packard got UVEC a Conference Number at no cost for anyone who wishes to call into our meetings. The number and access code will be at the top of the agenda for each meeting.

The Town of Sherman will be Hosting a SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training at the Sherman Municipal Building on Thursday, May 30th, at 6:00 pm. The workshop is free.

Katahdin Collaborative Summer Quarterly Meeting will take place on Wednesday June 12th 2019 at the Lumberman's Museum in Patten, ME.

5:30 light meal

6:00-8:00 meeting

The handouts from Katahdin Revitalization Speaker Series is available at the UVEC Office. They will be printed out as needed for anyone wishing to have one.

Business up-date:

Scenic Byway: Emery Lee will finish the re sodding, seeding, and concrete removal on the Millinocket Heritage Park sometime after June 1. The Parking area at the Lake site will be constructed and completed by July 1, 2019.

UVEC RBEG Update: Office Manager Packard wrote a grant to the Stephen King Foundation for \$25,000 for the revolving Loan Fund. The decision on this grant will be known after October of this year.

Sherman Boralax Plant: The deadline for the payment of Personal property tax is nearing. If they are not paid the Town of Stacyville will take ownership. There is interest in the plant from some companies and the Passamaquoddy Tribe to purchase the Plant.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Qualey, Treasurer
