

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2017

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

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

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

Guests: None

Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of September 18, 2017.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for October 23, 2017. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

Amendments to agenda: Pay raise for Office Manager

1. Office Manager Packard read a thank you from Joe Pratt to the UVEC Board for letting the Sherman Wood Works use a space in the UVEC Office for their Office
2. Meeting Time for Winter months: The Board agreed to change the meeting time to 4 pm for November of 2017 through April of 2018
3. **Broadband/Fiber Optics:** Office Manager Packard passed out the list of citizens who have signed up. The total was 23. We do not know who has signed up since the presentation where the service is already available. After a discussion on the project a motion was made by Chairman Qualey to have Office Manager Packard take 2 hours on some of the work week and go door to door to try to get more citizens to sign up. John Qualey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Jill Ducharme Update: Stacyville & Sherman were successful in obtaining funding from the Gloria MacKenzie Foundation. The funding for Sherman is two propane backup generators for the Municipal building and the Rec. Department. The Funding for Stacyville is for a Veteran's Memorial and a Handicap Entrance for the Municipal Building. A special grant opportunity, (invite only) for Municipals was offered to the Town of Sherman. A grant request was made for a new Utility Truck for the Sherman Fire Department.

Office Manager's Report: 58 Households Served, Sherman – 28 Households Stacyville – 16 Households, Other Towns - 16 Households. There were a total of 164 people, 47 of these were senior citizens, 50 were children, and 67 adults. We have 18 volunteers with a total of 97.25 hours as of 10-23-'17.

The Director's Liability for this year will cost \$996.00.

New Business/Other:

Business up-date: No update.

Scenic Byway: A meeting held on 10-19 -'17 at 1:30 at the Baxter State Park Headquarters. Updates on the Millinocket park Project was given at the meeting.

UVEC RBEG Update: Brian Johnston came to the UVEC Office and picked up the information the RLF.

Sherman Boralax Plant: No Update

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

John Qualey, Treasurer
