

**Minutes**  
**SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**PLANNING and ANNUAL MEETING**  
**July 13, 2016**  
**7:00 AM**  
**Renaissance Center – Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Jason Gayne, Chairman  
Kurt Maynard, Vice Chairman  
Todd Smith, Treasurer  
Betty Austin  
Kristina Cannon  
Matt Dubois  
Sally Dwyer  
Billy Finley (left 7:25 a.m.)  
Doreen Poulin

**Members Absent:**

Reid Gibson

**Others Present:**

Jeff Hewett, Director of Economic & Community Dev.  
Dena Rich, Recording Secretary  
Gail Pelotte, Skowhegan Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Travis Works, Principal of Cornville Charter School

- Gail Pelotte swore in all SEDC Members present.
- Travis Works the Principal from Cornville Charter School gave a presentation about new developments that are being pursued by the Charter School. Travis said that the school enrollment has grown from 120 to 144 for grades K-8<sup>th</sup>. They are looking to expand to pre-k which would add an additional 32 children to the enrollment. Within the next couple of years the school is looking to expand into the downtown area for High School students' potentially adding an additional 200 students. There are students who attend from twenty different communities such as Belgrade, Bingham, St. Albans, Harmony, Newport, Fairfield, Starks, and all towns in between.

The High School they are hoping to make as a community based program curriculum. By using the "Steam" learning model, S-Science, T-Technology, E-Engineering, A-Arts and M-Math. Building a strong service learning component, where there is a business connection. This builds the students to be more involved and can look back after they graduate and say this not just a Town they grew up and attended this school, but a Town that they had an impact in and the Town impacted them back.

Billy Finley asked if the Charter School was governed by Sad 54 Board and was their curriculum presented to the State?

Travis said no they are not governed by the district and yes they do present their curriculum to the State. The Charter School is actually part of the Maine Cohort for Customized Learning; which 49 other schools use as well across the State.

Billy Finley asked who decides the Charter School enrollment?

Travis said a parent just fills out intent to enroll letter. But the only thing that limits the schools enrollment is numbers by age.

## **1. Call Planning meeting to order.**

Jason Gayne called the Planning Meeting to order.

### **a. Discussion and decision on Subcommittees and members**

The Board agreed to change from having committees to making them into topics on the agendas for the meetings, but to not add any new topics. The Board also agreed for members to continue to attend meetings and update the Board about the topics that are the goals of the Board.

### **b. Discussions on Future projects**

The Board agreed to help assist in the Main Street Strategic Plan goals to come to fruition for the Town.

## **2. Call Annual Meeting to order.**

Jason Gayne called the Planning Meeting to order.

### **a. Reading of officers**

Jason Gayne read the officers of SEDC Board:

Jason Gayne as Chairman  
Kurt Maynard as Vice Chairman  
Todd Smith as Treasurer  
Betty Austin  
Kristina Cannon  
Matt Dubois  
Sally Dwyer  
Billy Finley  
Reid Gibson  
Doreen Poulin

### **b. Annual Financial sheet profit and loss.**

Motion by Betty Austin, seconded by Kurt Maynard to approve the Annual Financial sheet profit and loss from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Vote 8-0, motion carried.