

Minutes
SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday February 2, 2022
9:00 AM
Municipal Building-Council Room

Members Present:

Matt Dubois, Vice Chairman
Jason Gayne, Treasurer
Donna McGorty
Kristina Cannon
Cole Clement
Reid Gibson

Others Present:

Jeff Hewett, Director of Econ. & Comm. Dev.
Renee Belliveau, Recording Secretary
Patric Moore- Main Street Skowhegan

Absent Members:

Billy Finley, Chairman
Steve Gray
Steve Govoni

1. Call regular meeting to order.

Matt Dubois called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting.

Matt Dubois motioned, Donna McGorty seconded to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting with the changes requested by Donna McGorty. V 5-0, Reid Gibson abstained. Motion carried.

3. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials from January 2022.

Jeff Hewett said that William Bickford would be coming in to make a payment to bring everything current with his loan. He's trying to get his house removed from the collateral on his loan; Jeff will put this on the next agenda to discuss and then we can go to the Selectmen. Reid Gibson pointed out that it's hard to release when people are not current with payments. Matt Dubois asked if we send out interest statements on RLF loans. Jeff Hewett said we do not send them out but we can make a change to start sending them out going forward. Reid Gibson asked if we had any information from the attorney on the delinquent trophy and daycare loans. Jeff Hewett said he hasn't actually brought anything forward to the attorneys yet, but will be doing so very soon. Donna McGorty revisited the Bickford loan and asked if William was asking for us to release the lien on his house, where he is the second highest loan that we have out? Jeff Hewett said that the house was not the only collateral we have on his loan.

Donna McGorty motioned that we accept the financials from January 2022, Reid Gibson seconded. V 6-0, motion carried.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion and decision on \$1,000 easement offer from Noble Energy Solutions, LLC for the solar power near Southgate property.

The company wanted to put solar on Verle Jones' property, however, they still need an agreement from the other bordering properties. The offer that was given to us was for \$1000.00, flat fee. The Board needs more information on easements before considering to accept this offer. Jason Gayne motioned, Donna McGorty seconded to table this subject until they have more knowledge of easements. V 6-0, motion carried.

5. New Business

a. Discussion Executive Session in accordance with M.R.S.A Title 1 §405 (6)(C) to discuss property negotiations.

A discussion upon the board to allow Renee Belliveau and Patric Moore to stay throughout Executive Session took place. Matt Dubois motioned, Cole seconded to allow each of them stay. V 6-0, motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:22am.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:49 am.

Kristina Cannon motioned, Reid seconded for SEDC's stamp of approval on the Court Street property and that we may need to change the promissory note and timing. V 6-0, motion carried.

6. Committee Reports by Members

a. Broadband

Jeff lets the Board know that a meeting for broadband has been rescheduled for the end of February. ARPA funds for broadband may change at county level with plans. A broadband district is looking to be created, which will be run by GWI.

Kristina Cannon left the meeting at 9:54 am.

b. Natural Gas

Nothing to report

c. Acquisition/Development

Nothing to report

d. Marketing

Nothing to report

e. Skowhegan River Park

See above, mention to correct the name after recent name change to Skowhegan River Park. Kristina Cannon let the Board know that the EDA grant for funding had been submitted on Monday, January 31, 2022.

f. Real Estate Sub-Committee

Nothing to report

7. Items by the Members

Nothing to report

8. Economic & Community Development Office Items

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.