

Weare Economic Development Committee Minutes
August 15, 2006

Present: Jim Thompson, Art Siciliano, Heleen Kurk, George Malette and Cheryl Elliott.

Guests: Fred Ventresco and Chip Meany

The meeting opened at 7:15pm

- July minutes were approved.
- Jim shared an email from Ricia Velasco, State Division of Economic Development. Good resource guide.
- Jim noted that there are four towns that are not a part of a Regional Economic Corp; Weare , Goffstown, Bedford and New Boston.
- Discussion of new business in town; Seamans, 21 employees, is moving to Twin Bridge Rd., Granite State Plumbing & Heating is moving from Goffstown into the former Hexaport building, Universal Steel Erectors wants to add a larger addition on Reservoir Dr.
- 'Welcome to Weare' signs; Heleen obtained one price of \$1,800 for one sign. The committee thought the price was too high. She will keep looking for other designs and prices.
- Much discussion about Public Input sessions regarding signage. It was decided that the first meeting will be held Sept. 20th 9-11:00am. October 17th is reserved if a second meeting is needed. The focus will be primarily on temporary signage as permanent signage requirements are already defined in Town Articles and monitored by the Planning Board. A meeting outline was developed and will be facilitated by Jim Thompson. Recommendations for discussion include; definition of a temporary sign, discussion of 'cultural identity', copies of current ordinances, enforcement, who has authority to remove signs, fees, placement and photos of area signs. Heleen and George will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of area signs which will be reviewed at the next EDC meeting on Sept. 19th.

Distribution of the notice for this Public Input Session will include an email to members of the Weare Area Chamber of Commerce, it will be posted at Town Hall and other key locations throughout town and on Weare TV.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.
Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Elliott

