

**PEMBROKE, NH**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**November 15, 2007      4 Union Street**

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**Attendance**

John Payne, Chair; Mike Loso; Jacques Despres; Kevin Foss, P.B. Rep.; Fred Kline, BOS Rep.  
Absent - Floyd Smith; Dana & Jocelyn Carlucci

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM by John Payne, Chair

**Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the October 18, 2007 meeting.

**A motion** to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2007 meeting as written was made by Kevin and seconded by Mike. Motion passed 4-0. Fred abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Grates**

Jacques submitted a quote for solid wrought iron tree grates in the amount of \$8,600.00 for nine grates (\$956 each). These grates have a 25 year guarantee. The group agreed that the price is high but more advantageous versus the less expensive ones (approx. \$700 each) that are not solid and probably won't last as long. Options for paying for the grates were discussed. Fred reminded the committee that the town is under the impression that local businesses will be asked to donate all funds. Some other ideas to obtain the grates were discussed. Mike and Jacques will research this further including going to Vermont Salvage to check into the possibility of purchasing the materials there and having it welded elsewhere to form the grates. This could provide a substantial cost savings.

**Business Directory**

The business directory has been completed and 100 copies received. The remaining 400 copies will be hand delivered to Town Hall next week with an invoice for \$450.00. There will also be a disk with the word document for updating purposes. Fred submitted a list of 11 discrepancies provided by Meet Me in Suncook. John will check with the printer to see about correcting the discrepancies for the next 400 copies. Several ideas for distributing the directory were discussed such as a bulk mailing, advertising on the safety center marquis and making the directories available at all town municipalities.

**New Business:**

John presented an idea of doing a bulk mailing of a postcard that would not only advertise local businesses but would also get the word out that the new directory is available. Language for the postcard and the front photo was considered. Committee members agreed to check for photos that they may have available and to work on some appropriate language for the card. Fred will work on purchasing a mailing list and labels. John will check on mailing costs and requested that all members work on this project and communicate updates via e-mail so that a decision can be made at the next meeting.

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**Recognition Award**

The “Prosper in Pembroke” award for December, 2007 goes to Pembroke Animal Hospital, 13 Sheep Davis Road.

**A Motion** was made by Mike and seconded by Fred to award Pembroke Animal Hospital, 13 Sheep Davis Road, the “Prosper in Pembroke” award for December, 2007. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Other**

Fred discussed a \$5,000 grant he is working on through the State of NH DOT CTAP project which will support economic development in Pembroke.

Fred also informed the committee that the North Pembroke Road Bridge has been opened and will return to its full E2 rating on Friday 11/16/07.

The committee discussed the hanging of the holiday banners. Fred will check with Comcast to see if they are willing to hang them.

The next meeting will be held on December 20, 2007 at 4 Union Street.

**A motion** to adjourn at 9:10 PM was made by Mike, seconded by Kevin, and passed by unanimous vote.