

## TOWN OF UNITY

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18 2016

LOCATION: TOWN OFFICE-UNITY MAINE

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Leaming, Emily Newell, Chia Murdock, Jane (Stevens)Pinnette with Her son "D.J.", Joe Saltamachia, Tony Avila, Daniel McCormick, Chris Rossignol, Mary Ann Hayes, Clem Blakney.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

(Jane filled in for Lori as Secretary this evening. Jane will correct and or change minutes As needed. Thank you.)

**Guest Presentation:**

About 25-45 minutes before the meeting began, the Guest speaker was introduced to the Board members and guests who were present. There was a brief "question and answer period at the end of the presentation.

Lawrence ("Larry") Sterrs serves as the Chairman and CEO of Unity Foundation, a "philanthropic Organization" founded by Bert and Coral Clifford over twenty years ago. Mr. Sterrs also has served on the Board of Unite, as Chief executive officer. In December 2014, he was elected to the Camden National Corporation.

Larry is involved with student outreach projects at Unity College,( the "Jump Start Our Youth Projects, Students soliciting grants, student-community projects, and "citizenship"), Adult Digital Technology Education classes, ("Axion"), and economic growth initiatives with Colby College in the Mid Maine area.

These are only a few of the many areas in which Mr. Sterrs is involved, through the Unity Foundation, recently, as well as in past years.

There are about five thousand households in the greater Waldo County area, with area resources primarily being Unity College, Inland Hospital, Field of Dreams, and Mt View High School, as well as The local businesses. " Folks need to continue to invest in these areas".

Mr. Sterrs concluded his remarks with an encouragement to the committee, to have reinforced that the "best investments to be made are our youth"...with a vision to tomorrow.

On Sunday morning, before setting out for service, Jane wanted to look at the notes from the last meeting of the UEDCM, (4-18-16). And as Jane shared with Mary in a text and phone message, The large white binder with all the information from previous meetings were not where Jane had placed it the night before.

So, Jane wants to formally apologize for any inconvenience this may cause the rest of the Committee, realizing, of course, the inconvenience to Jane as well. Jane will proceed to complete these minutes partially from memory. For the most part, the meeting was mostly Discussion with regard to the following topics.

The need to review various policies, ie, Attendance, other protocols, ( Mary Ann introduced discussion).

Mary, who Chaired the meeting brought up the need to vote on the Executives positions, perhaps at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Mary worked with some of the the committee members on continuing to update the Comprehensive Business list. And the entire committee spent most of the meeting looking through the Business Survey with suggestions and changes, (Adding Restaurants was one of the changes).

Jane tends to write very brief minutes and this is probably one of the briefest committee minutes ever. The meeting adjourned in order. The next meeting will meet May 2nd at the the Unity Town Office. Most of the committee members seem to prefer this meeting to meet at the Unity Town Office.

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