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**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
**Economic Development
Committee**

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Minutes
Economic Development Committee
July 31, 2018

Attendees included Steve Russo, Tad Putney, Eddie Arnold, Gerrell Smith, and Valérie Rearick.

Also in attendance: Tammy Downing, Out of the Box Tours & Events CEO

Minutes

Eddie moved to approve the May 09 and June 05 minutes. Seconded by Gerrell. All in favor

Out of the Box Tours & Events, Tammy Downing, CEO

Tammy Downing said that she is a licensed touring operator and her business, based out Manchester, offers tours and day trips in and around central and southern New Hampshire. Tours include: Micro-Brewery Tour, Wine and Chocolate Tour, Food Tours (in Concord and Manchester), Made in New Hampshire Tour (Monadnock Region) and Ghost Tours of Manchester and Concord - just to name a few. Out of the Box Tours specializes in creating customized tour unique to each and every client.

Tammy said that guests love that she supports small businesses by including them in her tours. She is introducing guests to these businesses with the hope that they would become customers, bringing family and friends and spreading the word about the services and products provided to them.

Brookline could benefit from these services and get more exposure, get more foot traffic. Examples cited: 250th anniversary which is next year, the 4 cemeteries and their history, the ice house, the train station, the Stone House, the Devil's Den, and more.

Tad will pass Tammy's name to the 250th Anniversary Committee and the Town History Committee.

Tammy added that she also does town-to-town tours like wine & chocolate tours.

All thanked Tammy for taking the time to come tonight.

Bridal Show Update

Although many exhibitors expressed interest in attending the event, but with only 12 vendors who signed up, the Committee agreed on cancelling the Bridal Show and let the Event Center know early enough in order for them to be able to book another event that day. We will discuss having this event again at another time.

Welcome Signs

Tad explained that some “surprises” came so the Selectboard had to take the money that was set aside in the budget to pay for other expenses. This is pushed off to next year. Tad said that he met with John Weidman a couple of times and John is interested in helping with the signs.

Update on Businesses

The Alamo got the final inspection. They are still waiting for the State liquor license. The paving of the parking lot will happen a bit later because the DOT is still working on the access/exit.

Next Meeting

September 12, 2018, tentatively at the Alamo. 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Valérie Rearick.