

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2026

Next Meeting: Monday March 9, 2026 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

Present: Harold Skane, Lois Eash, Steve Gould, Chris Smith and Jeff Packard.

Guests: No Guests

Minutes: It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of December 8, 2025.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for February 9, 2026. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

Millinocket Lake Project: Chris Smith updated the Board on what has been going on. Chris will contact Fred Michaud for an update so the Board can make a decision on what to do with the property.

Manager's Report:

Food Pantry Report for December 100 Households served - Sherman 45 Households, Stacyville - 21 Households, and 36 Households from other Towns. January - 102 Households served - 45 Sherman, 21 Stacyville, and 36 other Towns. There will be a special Town Meeting for Sherman on February 17 at 6:00 pm to postpone the Sherman Annual Town Meeting to May 18, 2026. At the recent Sherman Budget meeting the Budget Committee agreed to the \$2,000 increase for UVEC if that money is used for the Food Pantry expenses. The Board agreed to have the next meeting on March 9, 2026.

Business up-date: There is an Antique Shop opened late last year on Gardner Street in Sherman. Hathaway Apartments will rebuild and have purchased the Anderson property next to their property. The UVEC Board will discuss next meeting what UVEC could do to help businesses in Stacyville and Sherman.

Scenic Byway Update: No update

UVEC RBEG Update: There is \$74,161.19 available for loans. There has been no interest as of today.

Meeting Ended at 5:00 pm.

Jeff informed the Board that Linda Lynch turned in a letter of resignation from the Board citing she was on too many committees. Town Clerk Joe Pare's wife is interested in replacing Linda on the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Skane, Treasurer