

## **Upper Valley Economic Council**

Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2025

**Next Meeting: Monday July 21, 2025 at 4:30 pm.**

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

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

**Guests:** Trish House - Sen. Collins Rep.

**Minutes:** It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of February 10, 2025.

**Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants:** Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for May 19, 2025. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

**Millinocket Lake Project:** Fred Michaud sent a letter to the Governor about the contract situation with the Maine DOT. He said to expect a response from the DOT by regular mail. Fred had to purchase a water filter system for the bathroom because of iron in the water problem. Fred installed the filter. The bathroom finishing construction is done and so the Bathroom is officially done.

**Office Manager's Report:**

Food Pantry Report for April : 85 Households, 39 from Sherman, 18 from Stacyville and 28 from other Towns. There 169 people in those Households. We have 12 volunteers with a total of 74.5 hours as of 4-15-'25. May Report: 91 Households, 44 from Sherman, 19 from Stacyville and 28 from other Towns. There were 168 people in those Households. We have 10 volunteers with a total of 57.5 hours as of 5-20-'25. Wrote grant for the Town Office to the Stephen King Foundation for 2 Heat Pumps.

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**Business up-date:** The Salted Butter Farms won Best Restaurant in Aroostook County.

**Scenic Byway Update:** Still working on the wayfair project.

**UVEC RBEG Update:** There is \$66,029.47 available to loan out.

Meeting Ended 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Lynch, Treasurer