

Upper Valley Economic Council

Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2025

Next Meeting: Monday August 18, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

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

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

Guests: Amy Collins - Katahdin Region Development Board
Development Director, EMDC and Butch Botting - Sherman

Minutes: It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of May 18, 2025.

Treasurer's Report/Sign Warrants: Office Manager Packard presented the Treasurer's report for May 18, 2025. The Board voted to approve the report as read. The Board signed the warrants.

Millinocket Lake Project: Fred Michaud was unable to attend. A meeting in person at the UVEC Office was requested by Kyle Hall of the Maine DOT to Finalize The Rest Room Agreement on Tuesday, July 29 at 10:30 am. Fred would like to meet with Chris Smith and Jeff Packard before this meeting with Kyle. Jeff will set this up with Chris and Fred.

Office Manager's Report:

Food Pantry Report for July: 88 Households, 40 from Sherman, 18 from Stacyville and 30 from other Towns. There were a total of 165 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 12 volunteers with a total of 72 hours as of 7-21-'25. The Mormon Church in Houlton donated 4 pallets of dry goods to the Food Pantry and The Friends of the Food Pantry raised over \$750 from 2 food sales.

The Gloria McKenzie grant for the Sherman Fire Dept. And the Stephen King grant for the Town Office were turned down.

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Business up-date: Amy Collins - Has assembled an Apex Team for a presentation at the UVEC Office on July 22, 9am-10am.

The Sherman Motel is now open and the rooms are being renovated.

Scenic Byway Update: No update

UVEC RBEG Update: One of the two loans were paid off early. There is \$74,156.82 available to lend.

Linda Lynch suggested poster be made so more citizens are aware of the new UVEC , Sherman & Stacyville web site. Chris Smith will have his wife make up posters to be distributed around the area. Linda asked about how to get events posted. Chris said to email the information to him and he would have his wife add them.

Meeting Ended 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Lynch, Treasurer