

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee
Minutes
Thursday – March 7, 2019 5:00 P.M.
Town Hall Room 301

Attending Members: Bob Georgitis (Chair), Steve Hrehovcik, Gary Dugas, Maureen Flaherty, Rachel Phipps, Miriam Whitehouse, Jonathan Johnson and Justin Young.

Also in attendance: Mike Pardue (Town Manager), Laura Dolce (KKA C of C), and Nick Branchina (Conservation Comm.) and Maggie Bartenhagen (Energy Efficiency Committee).

Members Absent: June Huston (Vice Chair)

- 1) Open Meeting by Bob G. at 5:04 pm.
- 2) Review minutes of February 7, 2019 meeting – Motion by Miriam W., 2nd by Maureen Flaherty, approved as corrected.
- 3) Observations:
 - a. Bob G. showed list, from Maine Biz, of top Maine Company's that hold patterns – Corning is number 6.
 - b. Justin Y. noted that a company called "Daily Sweat" - Hot Yoga & Bar is trying to come to town.
 - c. Steve H. – out of 817 copies of the Newsletter sent out, 401 were opened.
- 4) KKAC report – Laura D.
 - d. The annual job fair is coming up on March 13th, followed by a job fair for older workers on April 2nd at the Senior Center.
 - e. The Chamber will be working on a training program for food servers.
- 5) SEDAP/EDC Goals for 2019:
 - a. Mike P. & Bob G. Reviewed and discussed the goals with the board.
 - b. Motion by John J., 2nd by Miriam W. that the EDC focus on "Connectivity", "Climate Change", "Creative Economy" and "Marketing". Approved.
 - c. Jon proposed the acronym E=MC³
 - d. Members will break up into workgroups – "Connectivity" (Jon, Steve & Bob), "Climate Change" (Miriam, Gary, Nick & Rachel), "Creative Economy" (Maureen, Justin, & June), and "Marketing" (Maureen & Justin).
- 6) Other Business – Rachel asked about the Economic Development Person. Pike P. noted there is \$90,000 per year proposed, in the TIF budget, for a full time Economic Development Person.

Adjourn at 6:20 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas