

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday – April 4, 2019 5:00 P.M.  
Town Hall Room 300

Attending Members: Bob Georgitis (Chair), June Huston (Vice Chair)  
Steve Hrehovcik, Gary Dugas, Maureen Flaherty, Jonathan Johnson and Justin Young.

Also in attendance: Chris Cluff (Selectman Liaison), Mike Pardue (Town Manager), Laura Dolce (KKA  
C of C), and Nick Branchina (Conservation Comm.) and Sharon Staz (Energy Efficiency Committee).

Members Absent: Rachel Phipps and Miriam Whitehouse.

- 1) Open Meeting by Bob G. at 5:04 pm.
- 2) Review and approve minutes of March 7, 2019 meeting – Motion by Jon J., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maureen Flaherty, approved as presented.
- 3) Observations:
  - a. Jon J. & Laura D. attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Smith and Company Realty.
  - b. Laura D. commented that Mornings in Paris looks great after being remodeled by new owners.
  - c. Steve H. reported the Newsletter will be coming out this month.
- 4) KKAC report – Laura D.
  - d. Cristian’s Café & Eatery will be opening soon in the in the space formerly known as Perfecto’s.
  - e. The Annual Job fair, just held in the Town Hall will move to a new location, with better parking, next year.
  - f. The Older Workers job fair was very successful, well attended (107 people signed up), many of whom were hired directly.
  - g. Loosening of H-2B Visas is allowing for more help.
- 5) EDC report:
  - a. Mike P. gave a brief report/update on economic activities in Town.
- 6) 2019 EDC Goals
  - a. Connectivity Workgroup - Jon J. reported they had their first meeting, getting organized.
  - b. Newsletter/Website – Steve H. noted the Newsletter will be coming out in April.
  - c. Marketing Workgroup – Laura D. reported they met last week, discussed what “branding” is. They will meet every two weeks and will use some “focus groups”.
  - d. Climate/Wetland Mitigation – the board discussed if this group was necessary as it is covered in the comp-plan.
  - e. Creative Economy Workgroup – Maureen found info on what a creative economy is and its value.
  - f. Parking & Workforce housing will be June H.  
Sharon S. noted that items d. & e. above are also being covered by the Energy Efficiency Committee and she would like to Liason with those two groups.
  - g. TIF District review – Bob G. noted we may need to reconsider the L.V TIF properties to get more money in that TIF.

Adjourn at 6:05 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas