

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee
Minutes
Thursday – May 2, 2019 5:00 P.M.
Town Hall Room 300

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

Also in attendance: Mike Pardue (Town Manager), Nick Branchina (Conservation Comm.) and Sharon Staz (Energy Efficiency Committee).

Members Absent: Rachel Phipps, June Huston (Vice Chair), and Justin Young.

- 1) Open Meeting by Bob G. at 5:03 pm.
- 2) Review and approve minutes of April 4, 2019 meeting – Motion by Maureen Flaherty, Second by Miriam W., approved as corrected.
- 3) Observations:
 - a. Sharon S. noted brick sidewalks may be dangerous for older citizens (the rough surface can be a tripping hazard).
 - b. Jon J mentioned the 6th graders are doing a unit on economics call Econobunk, where they simulate a town.
- 4) 2019 EDC Goals
 - a. Connectivity Workgroup - Jon J. – they are looking into people working at home – status – improvement ideas.
 - b. Newsletter/Website – Steve H. – Newsletter is out, will have open rates next meeting. Working on next issue.
 - c. Marketing Workgroup – Maureen – the will be meeting soon.
 - d. Climate/Wetland Mitigation – Miriam – looking a connecting wetlands, septic system management, and how to lend support to SEDAP & Comp Plan.
 - e. Creative Economy Workgroup – Working on getting organized.
 - f. Parking & Workforce housing will be June H.
 - g. Business Visitation/Contact – Jon – thinking of talking to Plixer.
- 5) EDC report: Mike P.
 - a. Brief report/update on economic activities in Town.
 - b. Noted there will be a new contracted Economic Development person – Brian Doyle will start on Monday. The position will become full time in June. Brian will apply.
 - c. The turnpike rest areas are being expanded and traffic control lights will be installed at both entrances.

Adjourn at 6:00 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas