

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday – August 1, 2019 4:30 P.M.  
Town Hall Room 300

Attending Members: Bob Georgitis (Chair), June Huston (Vice Chair), Gary Dugas, Maureen Flaherty, Rachel Phipps, Miriam Whitehouse and Justin Young.

Also in attendance: Brian Doyle (Acting Economic Development Director), Nick Branchina (Conservation Comm.), Sharon Staz (Energy Eff. Comm.) and Laura Dolce (KK&A C of C).

Members Absent: Steve Hrehovcik, and Jonathan Johnson.

- 1) Open Meeting by Bob G. at 4:32 pm.
- 2) Review and approve minutes of June 6, 2019 meeting – Motion Justin Y., Second by Bob G., approved as presented.
- 3) Observations:
  - a. Justin commented that Daily Sweat is up and running.
  - b. Laura D. commented that she will notify all EDC members of upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies.
- 4) Election of Officers. The following were elected by unanimous vote:
  - a. Chair, June H.
  - b. Vice Chair, Jon J.
  - c. Secretary Gary D.
- 5) KK&A C of C report – Laura D:
  - a. Working on a plan to have a group of advisors ready to help struggling businesses.
  - b. There are no hard numbers, but it seems like business is down.
  - c. Discussed, with the EDC members, the cost of rental rooms in town.
- 6) Report of the Economic Development Director – Brian D:
  - a. Working on business retention and business attraction.
  - b. In discussions with cell phone companies on how to improve coverage.
  - c. Will be meeting with down town land lords.
- 7) 2019 EDC Goals
  - a. Connectivity Workgroup – Brian D. met with Sanford Town Manager to discuss their Town owned fiber network, also met with KLP & GWI. Will need to do a study/survey to find out what businesses will pay for improved service.
  - b. Climate Change update – Miriam visited with Ann Cox (Coastal Training Program Coordinator) at the Well Reserve. Bob and Sharon attended a meeting pulled together by the K'port Town Manager to form a group to work on climate change. Sharon noted the State has a 50/50 grant for charging stations – one should be located in back of the fire station.
  - c. Creative Economy Workgroup – Maureen noted they are examining and evaluating what they can do.
  - d. Marketing update, Maureen noted they did not meet in July, they are working on Branding for the Town and noted Tim Stentiford is on the committee.

Adjourn at 5:21 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas