

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday – April 7, 2016 5:00 P.M.  
Town Hall Room 300

Attending Members: Blake Baldwin, Chair, Bob Georgitis, Vice Chair, Steve Hrehovcik, Angus Macaulay, Gary Dugas, and John Daamen.

Also in attendance: Mat Eddy (Economic Development Director), Norm Labbe (KKW), Laura Dolce (KK&A C of C), Nick Branchina (conservation Comm.) and Sharon Staz.

1. Open Meeting by Blake B. at 5:03 pm.
2. Review minutes of March 3, 2015 – Motion by John D., second by Bob Georgitis, Approved as corrected.
3. Interesting observations – Bob G. noted that Maps (other than zoning) are no longer available on the Town web site. Matt will check into it. Angus noted a company in Wilton imports and cans dandelion greens. Also noted the Governor’s announcement that a company with 900 employees will be leaving the state because of high energy costs. Laura noted Kennebunk is one of the snobbiest and also one of the happiest towns in Maine. John D. declared he was against the ban on plastic bags, and, was considering a run for Selectman.
4. The Chamber report – Laura - the Job Fair was very successful – lots of employers but less job seekers than last year. From attending the Governor’s conference on Tourism – flowers & benches are good for tourism. Also reminded everyone that “Launch” is coming up in June. They now have 455 members.
5. Comp Plan update – Bob G. stated the Town’s Comprehensive Plan is 15 years old and needs to be updated. Once that is done the Zoning can be revised as needed.
6. Economic Development Directors Report – Matt E. reviewed and discussed his list with the board. Also discussed KLP getting power from a solar panel farm at the old dump and two gas to electric generators set up at the transformer station in West Kennebunk. Lastly Matt reminded all present to do the survey sent out with the tax bill or take it on line on the Town’s web site.
7. TIF Program Prioritization – Matt handed out, reviewed and discussed a letter to the BOS regarding priorities. Matt will adjust as discussed and e-mail to members.

Adjourn at 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas