

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee
Minutes (Draft)
Thursday – May 5, 2016 5:00 P.M.
Town Hall Room 300

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

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

1. Open Meeting by Blake B. at 5:04 pm.
2. Review minutes of April 7, 2015 – Motion by John D., second by Bob Georgitis, Approved as corrected.
3. Interesting observations – Angus announced Blake is running for Selectman.
 - Bob G. went to the Hancock ribbon cutting and commented that it is a very nice store.
 - John D. went to the “dam meeting” noting that it was not very informative. Bob G. brought up that he is the “Save the Dam” spokesperson and the board discussed how/if the EDC should be involved. Consciences of the board is that EDC should be involved. Motion by John Daamen, second by Angus – we should draft a letter to KLP & the Selectman stating they need to work together.
 - John D. distributed a “pie chart” showing how TIF funds are distributed (Lower Village & the Beach, Downtown & Rte One, and West of the Pike) and distribution of property values in those three areas.
 - John D. distributed and discussed information on the proposed change in the Zoning Ordinance, changing the number from 4 to 6 rooms for rent allowed in the Suburban Residential District.
 - Bill M. announced that, per a 4 to 1 vote of the board, ZBA meetings will be televised.
 - Matt E. announced he had attended the “Launch” meeting, and also noted the Steve H. did a very good job creating the map to be used with the event.
4. The Chamber report – Laura – The Chamber is now up to 460 members, the first cruise ship of the season will be arriving on Sunday, and that plans are going well for “Launch” – which will involve all three towns, and take place on Father’s Day weekend.
5. Comp Plan update – Bob G. – the last meeting had focused on sea level rise and how it will affect the town, and that it will have to be addressed in the comp plan.
6. Economic Development Directors Report – Matt E. handed out his report for the board to review.
7. TIF Program Prioritization – Matt distributed and discussed with the board the TIF Priority letter to the BOS. The Selectman will take up TIF discussions after the June election.

Adjourn at 7:11 PM

Respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas