

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee
Minutes
Thursday – June 2, 2016 5:00 P.M.
Town Hall Room 300

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

Also in attendance: Chris Cluff (Selectman Liaison), 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 May 5, 2015 – Motion by Heather H., second by Bob Georgitis, Approved as corrected.
3. Interesting observations:
 - Blake B. – best free thing to do in Maine – visit West Quoddy Head.
 - Blake – Most Googled by state – Maine – “who won Survivor”.
 - Blake – how much does a person need to make in Maine to afford a rent - \$17.04/hr. (California is \$28/hr.).
4. KKACC report – Laura – The Chamber is now up to 468 members. The big focus is on “Launch, a Maritime Festival” which will take place next week end. There will be a blessing of the fleet on the 11th.
5. Discussion on the Dams - approximately 20 people in the audience. Blake facilitated an open discussion with all in attendance (board members and members of the public). Bob G. posed the question – Should the EDC be involved and how? The members agreed the board should be involved.
6. River Tree Arts – brief presentation by Maureen DiGiovanni, President of the Board of Directors. She is looking for support and came to our meeting after a suggestion from Mat Eddy that the EDC may be able to help. Members of the EDC and the audience voiced ideas, and avenues of possible support.

Adjourn at 7:39 PM

Respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas