

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday – September 1, 2016 5:00 P.M.  
Town Hall Room 300

Attending Members: Chair, Bob Georgitis, Steve Hrehovcik, Angus Macaulay, Gary Dugas, John Daamen, and Rachel Phipps. Absent: Heather Harris

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

1. Open Meeting by Bob G. at 5:03 pm.
2. Minutes of August 11, 2016 – motion by Angus M., second by Steve H., approved as presented.
3. Observations:
  - a. Bob noted that he has been on the board for 12 years and that Steve and Gary were here when he started. And that the Kennebunk bicentennial is coming up.
  - b. Steve suggested that part of the celebration include a statue of Lafayette in Lafayette Park.
  - c. John noted tourism is up this year.
4. Newsletter – Angus distributed, and discussed with the board, the results of a questionnaire he sent out. And announced he will be getting off the board – Steve H. volunteered to keep up the Newsletter, which will go out quarterly. Rachel P. noted all correspondence from the EDC should be reviewed by the Committee before it goes out.
5. EDC Committee Resizing – Bob started the discussion by asking for feedback on the size of the board - should the size increase as people want to join? After discussion by members, Motion by John D., Second by Angus, to set the EDC size at 7 regular members and 4 alternates – approved (4 in favor, 2 against).
6. KKACC Report – Laura noted they are working on a “nonprofit committee” and on October 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a nonprofit fair. She went on to say that the chamber is “closing in on their 500<sup>th</sup> member, and will launch the fall seminars on November 14<sup>th</sup>.”
7. Quarterly Utility Updates:
  - a. Todd Shea (KLP) gave a brief report – upcoming rate increase and discussed expansion/improvement plans.
  - b. Norm L. (KKW) reported on the effects of the drought, how KKW gets its water now and possibilities for the future, how they are preparing for management team retirement in the near future, and distributed a list of their proposed projects for next year.
8. Economic Development Directors report – Mat discussed upcoming projects, Garden Street is progressing well, and the Way Finding signs have been installed.
9. Old Business: Bob noted the BOS will hold a TIF workshop on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Adjourn at 6:12 PM

Respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas