

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday-January 5, 2023, 4:30 P.M.  
Room 307

Attending Members: Steve Sawyer (Chair), Gary Dugas, Randy Gates, June Huston, and Ashley O’Brian.  
Members Absent: Maureen Flaherty (Vice Chair), and Chris Babcock.

Also in attendance: Bryan Laverriere (Public Services Director/Interim Town Manager), Chris Osterrieder, P.E. (Director of Community Development), Karen Winton (Dep. Director of Community Development), Joel Downs – attended by phone during TIF discussion (Finance Director), and Wayne Berry.

- 1) Open Meeting by Steve S. at 4:32 PM.
- 2) Minutes from December 21, 2022 - Motion by Randy G., second by Ashley O. - Approved as presented.
- 3) Public comments – None
- 4) TIF Budget Finalization: Steve S. distributed a copy of latest TIF budget:
  - a. Ashley O. distributed a request to add \$5,000 to the TIF budget for the Kennebunk Farmers Market. After much discussion the request was withdrawn.
  - b. After discussion, Item 11, Public transportation was reduced by \$24,000.
  - c. After discussion, Motion by June H., Second by Randy G., to approve the total amount for items 1 through 17 (Recurring Expenses) at \$322,258 – All in favor.
  - d. After discussion, Motion by June H., Second by Ashley O., to approve the total amount for items 20 through 24 (Wages/Consultant Fees) at \$259,900 – All in favor.
  - e. After discussion, Motion by June H., Second by Randy G. to approve the total amount for items 33 through 52 (Projects and assets to be funded with TIF funds) at \$479,000 – All in favor.
- 5) Connectivity (Internet build): Steve S.:
  - a. GoNetSpeed is installing wires now to some sections of town (not commercial).
  - b. Fidium Fiber is now planning for 2024.
  - c. Town wide questionnaire is needed to determine how, and to what extent, the rest of the town (not currently being up graded by GoNetSpeed) wants to be served.
- 6) Workforce transportation update – Steve S. – Laura D. is working on answering questions by the State (Ryan Neal).
- 7) Connectivity (Cable Franchise Agreement and Ordinance) update: Steve S. – Chris B. is bringing agreement to the ordinance committee.
- 8) Local Lodging Tax Discussion: Wayne Berry - This would be a State program – money would be collected by the State then sent back to the Town. Distributed “Survey of Various Regional Lodging Tax Rates”
  - a. Wayne B. has talked to community leaders in neighboring Towns – some are receptive others are not.
  - b. Wayne B. asks for the EDC to research and discuss this further.
- 9) Creation of a new Permit Approval Process Document: Steve S. – would like to see an outline or guide on how to get a project permitted in Kennebunk.
- 10) Steve S. – invite representatives of local utilities to talk about impediments to development, and to update the board on future projects.
- 11) June H. pointed out that a process for getting in the TIF Budget is needed.

12) Adjourn at 6:22 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas