

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Thursday – February 3, 2022, 4:30 P.M.

Via Zoom

Attending Members: June Huston (Chair), Maureen Flaherty (Vice Chair), Gary Dugas, Steve Sawyer, and Randy Gates.

Also in attendance: Laura Dolce (KK&A C of C), Mike Pardue (Town Manager), Chris Osterrieder, P.E. (Director of Community Development), Karen Winton (Deputy Director of Community Development), Kortney Nadeau (Selectboard Liaison), Joel Downs (Finance Director) and Tina Radel (Communications and Marketing Specialist).

Members Absent: None

- 1) Open Meeting by June H. at 4:36 PM.
- 2) Minutes from January 6, 2022 – Motion by June H., second by Steve S. – approved as presented – all in favor.
- 3) Public Comments – None.
- 4) TIF Budget
 - a. Noted by Joel D., staff added \$20,000 for marketing related items, bringing the new total to \$1,561,265.
 - b. Noted by Tina Radel, one item (out of marketing) is to join the IEDC (International Economic Development Council) - \$455 per year.
 - c. Kortney N. quired and discussed with the board what items, if necessary, could be cut from the budget.
 - d. The board discussed how the money comes into the TIF and what it can be spent on in general.
- 5) Connectivity – Steve S. reviewed the current status:
 - a. Otelco is discussing physical build out with KLP.
 - b. Tilson phase one is underway, results in mid-April. Complete plan, for Internet to the Home, next fall.,
 - c. Noted ConnectMaine (a public instrumentality of Maine state government charged with improving broadband to Maine households) will be administering Federal dollars. Kennebunk needs to partner with a private company (such as GWI) and apply for dollars.
 - d. Cell Service:
 1. Testing around town showed that cell service is not good.
 2. More tall towers are needed. Possibly add one at the town garage.
 3. Steve S. will review our zoning - how it applies to towers.
- 6) Portland Road mixed use: the board discussed zone change for Barnard Tavern (Randy G. recused himself) from Village Residential to Portland Road Mixed Use which will allow the commercial use of the Tavern. Discussed procedure for changing a Zone. Continue to next meeting.
- 7) Discussion based on the Crane Report:
 - a. Steve S. suggested a review of the report to see what still applies.
 - b. Need updated data – check with SMRP and Census Bureau. June H. Has talked the New School about a student compiling data.
 - c. Discussed using the Crane Report info to help with creating goals. Steve S. suggested possibly hiring a consultant for a little help with this, also noted we need to be in alignment with the Selectboard Goals.

8) Adjourn at 6:27 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas