

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2023, 4:30 P.M.

Room 306

Attending Members: Steve Sawyer (Chair), Gary Dugas, Randy Gates, Chris Babcock, Ashley O'Brian, and Ashley Padget.

Members Absent: Maureen Flaherty (Vice Chair), and June Huston.

Also in attendance: Laura Dolce (KK&A C of C), Chris Osterrieder PE (Director of Community Development), and Karen Winton (Deputy Director of Community Development).

- 1) Open Meeting by Steve S. at 4:32 PM.
 - 2) Minutes from March 2, 2023 - Motion by Chris B., second by Ashley P. - Approved as corrected.
 - 3) Public comments: None
 - 4) Old Business:
 - a. Workforce Transportation: Laura D. – Have OK from the State and buy in of local businesses, possibly start June 1st.
 - b. Cable franchise agreement & ordinance update: Heather B. - Ordinance Committee Has not taken this up yet.
 - c. Lower Village Project update: Steve S. – Maine DOT needs a letter of support from The Town, The Chamber of Commerce & the EDC. Kennebunk is on the list – will know by fall. Start date would be 2025. Project budget would be \$12,500,000 with \$1,250,000 coming from the Town. KSD will work in the road next year, KKW will do their work both this year and next.
 - d. Creation of a new Business Development Handbook – Town staff is working on this.
 - 5) New business:
 - a. Kennebunk Sewer District fees: Steve S. (per meeting with Chris Galant P.E., Assistant Manager) – boundaries are set by the State and are not town wide, Senator Rafferty would like to change that to include West Kennebunk. The treatment plant is at 60% capacity, the problem is with trunk lines leading to the plant which are under size, causing constrictions. The board discussed impact fees and how to reduce impact.
 - b. Cell Tower update: Steve S. – Brittany Howard (the Town Planner) has suggested some possible ordinance changes to allow towers throughout Town. Steve will work on this.
 - c. Current village area parking requirements: discussed parking in Lower Village and Downtown.
 - d. Status of Economic Vitality Director position – Had over 20 applicants which have been narrowed down to 5 or 6.
 - 6) Adjourn at 5:58 PM
- respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas