

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Wednesday – May 11, 2022, 4:30 P.M.

Room 306

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

Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Chris Osterrieder, P.E. (Director of Community Development).

- 1) Open Meeting by June H. at 4:30 PM.
- 2) Minutes from April 7, 2022 – Motion by Maureen F., second by Randy G. – approved as presented – all in favor.
- 3) Public Comments – none
- 4) Connectivity Subcommittee – Steve S. reviewed & discussed the Proposed Wireless Communications Master Plan with all in attendance:
 - a. Discussed existing wireless broadcast locations, as well as public safety and public works systems & locations.
 - b. Reviewed existing cell strength at various locations in town.
 - c. Discussed strategies for future Town wide wireless communications.
 - d. Motion by Maureen F., Second by June H. – Steve to present the report at the next Selectboard meeting. All in favor.
- 5) Connectivity Subcommittee – Steve S. discussed internet improvement status with the board.
 - a. Otelco is building a system in Downtown.
 - b. Discussed possibility of creating a Town wide network. Tilson’s design estimate at \$20,000,000. KLP not interested.
 - c. Possibly a system with private investment but with Town control. Create a utility district?
- 6) Branding Update – Maureen F.:
 - a. Pan Atlantic has produced a 50-page report, focusing on 3 tracks – Business, New business attraction, and Town Branding.
 - b. Will present a plan with costs on how to follow up.
- 7) Business relations & retention - Steve S. is working on a list/spread sheet, derived from information from tax records, possibly linked to the towns GIS system.
- 8) Transportation – June H. – Zoom is possibly coming to Kennebunk – will discuss at our next meeting.
- 9) Committee Members – June H. – Need new members. Need to review our by-laws; are they up to date? Discuss further at our next meeting.

10) Adjourn at 6:17 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas