

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Thursday – August 4, 2022, 4:30 P.M.

Room 307

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

Members Absent: June Huston

Also in attendance: Laura Dolce (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Arundel C of C), Chris Osterrieder, P.E. (Director of Community Development) and Karen Winton (Deputy Director of Community Development).

- 1) Open Meeting by Steve S. at 4:33 PM.
- 2) Minutes from May 11, 2022 - Motion by Maureen F., Second by Randy G., Approved as presented. Minutes from July 7, 2022 – Motion by Chris B., Second by Maureen F., Approved as presented.
- 3) Public comments - Ashley O’Brian was introduced by Steve S. as a person interested in joining the EDC.
- 4) Staff Report: to update the board, Chris O. and Karen W. discussed some of their current projects.
- 5) On-going project updates:
 - a. Branding – Maureen F. – on August 16th, Pan Atlantic will present their findings (from the community survey) to the Selectboard. Randy G., Laura D, and Kortney N. will be meeting with selected local businesses.
 - b. Connectivity Subcommittee – Steve S. – Otelco will build some Fiber to the Home, but only on major streets. Discussed how the town might extend this further.
 - c. Work force transportation – Steve S, - Zoom may be interested in providing daily bus service from Sanford to the Turnpike rest area. This would be funded by the State (\$250,000 per year for two years). Town would take the lead. Free to riders. Maybe 40 riders/day, 4 trips/day. If the system works, Town could ask the State to continue.
 - d. Business outreach – Steve S. & Laura D. are developing a list of businesses to visit.
 - e. “Main Street” membership – Chris B. – Karen W. is working on the application.
 - f. Train stop – Steve S, - report from NEPRA is not available yet.
- 6) New Business:
 - a. Membership outreach – Steve S. – looking for representation from Lower Village and West Kennebunk.
 - b. Crane Associates proposal for 2009 update – Steve S. discussed proposal with the board. Motion by Gary D., Second by Maureen F., to update the 2009 plan and align with current initiatives. Approved, all in favor. Funding will come from the TIF.
 - c. Lower village master plan implementation project – Steve S. – Plan was done in 2018. May be able to get Federal money with 20% match.
 - d. Downtown master plan project – Maureen F, - this will be a spring semester project with the help of either Harvard or Northeastern.
 - e. Meeting minutes in Gary’s absence (September & October) – Chris B. will take minutes.

7) Adjourn at 6:25 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas