

Kennebunk Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 7, 2023, 4:30 P.M.

Room 306

Attending Members: Steve Sawyer (Chair), Maureen Flaherty (Vice Chair), Gary Dugas, June Huston, Ashley O'Brian and Ashley Padget.

Members Absent: Randy Gates.

Also in attendance: Laura Dolce (KK&A C of C), Heather Balsler (Town Manager), Chris Osterrieder PE (Director of Community Development), Stephen Houdlette (Director of Economic Vitality), Kortney Nadeau (Select Board Liaison), Kevin Therrien (Select Board Liaison), Merton Brown (Town Clerk), Kayla Tierney (Finance Director) and David Spofford (member of the public).

- 1) Open Meeting by Steve S. at 4:32 PM.
- 2) Minutes from April 6, 2023 – Motion by Ashley P., Second by Ashley O. – Approved as presented. Minutes from May 4, 2023 – Motion by Maureen F., Second by June H. – Approved as presented.
- 3) Election of officers: Chair – Steve Sawyer, Vice Chair – Maureen Flaherty, Secretary – Gary Dugas.
- 4) Public Comments: David Spofford (an abutting neighbor) spoke against the proposed contract zone change for the “Wedding Cake House”
- 5) Stephen H. – Noted the board now has two Select Board Liaisons – Kortney Nadeau and Kevin Therrien. Also noted the date for the upcoming joint meeting with the Select Board has been changed – he will forward the new date as soon as it is established. Discussed how information will be exchanged between the SB and the EDC.
- 6) Discussion of the priorities/goals of the EDC: Stephen H., by asking each member for their ideas, lead the board in a discussion of possible goals. He will refine the list for the next meeting.
- 7) Discussion with the new Finance Director, Kayla T.:
 - a. Noted she would like to refine the budget process.
 - b. Steve S. asked about the balance in the fund – should it be kept low. Kayla responded that we should focus on the process, not the balance.
- 8) Upcoming meeting with the Select Board – general discussion of what to present and what to ask. May need to refine the list at a special meeting or our next regular meeting.
- 9) Adjourn at 6:19 PM

respectfully submitted: Gary Dugas