

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – **APPROVED MINUTES**

October 20, 2021

Regular Meeting 4:00PM

Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dow called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

2. Roll Call.

Members present: Chair George Dow, Jeff Clifford, Tom Emerson, Drew Fitch

Staff present: Planning Director Adam Causey

Guests present: Emily Flinkstrom, Executive Director, Fair Tide

3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption.

Chairperson Dow cast one vote for acceptance of the Agenda as presented.

4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes: None.

5. All items involving visitors / requested officials:

a. Emily Flinkstrom, Executive Director, Fair Tide

Emily Flinkstrom joined the meeting and gave an overview of Fair Tide's mission and activities. Fair Tide provides services to the homeless individuals and families, and operates a thrift store at the Water District property on State Road. They currently have 5 housing units and are looking to provide additional affordable units through partnerships with affordable developers and landlords. Ms. Flinkstrom referenced the "Out of Reach Report", which illustrates how dire the affordable housing crisis is in the nation. EDC members expressed support for Fair Tide's work and indicated a desire to engage the business community regarding for assistance.

6. Committee Reports: None

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business.

a. Foreside zoning discussion

Mr. Causey informed the EDC that staff was working on amendments to the Mixed-Use Kittery Foreside zoning district as part of the overall review of barriers to affordable housing. Mr. Emerson suggested staff take a hard look at parking requirements in the Foreside, with particular attention paid to parking required for inns and dwelling units. Mr. Causey stated that there would be an outreach effort to residents and businesses since the Foreside is such a historic and sensitive area and staff seeks broad consensus before taking any changes to the Planning Board and Town Council.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

Mr. Causey was asked about the timeline for housing related zoning amendments. Mr. Causey stated that the BL & BL-1 proposed amendments would go to the Planning Board for review in January 2022, with the other amendments to follow.

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by George Dow at 5:10pm, second by Jeff Clifford. Motion passes unanimously.