

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES – **APPROVED 01-12-2016**

November 24, 2015

Regular Meeting

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Dow called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. Roll Call.

Answering the call were Chairman George Dow, John Carlson, Tom Emerson and Chris Matteo, Ken Lemont, Chuck Denault, Jeff Thomson. Absent were: Patrick Trevino, Kittery Town Manager Nancy Colbert Puff. Guest: David Lincoln. Steve Kosacz arrived at 6:09.

3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption. None

4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.

Chairman cast one vote to approve the minutes of meeting on 06/23/2015 as presented.

5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

David Lincoln was present. EDC welcomed Councilors Jeff Thomson and Ken Lemont as part of the EDC charge for (3) Councilors.

6. Committee Reports.

None

7. Unfinished Business.

- No unfinished business was discussed due to the needed discussion regarding the sunset clause and desire among the committee to requesting of Council to extend the EDC until a time certain of 12/31/2016.

8. New Business.

- Committee discussed, by member, their desire to have the EDC extended until 12/31/2016. All were in favor but did express some issue concerning what the EDC had accomplished during 2015. Tom E. voted to extended and remain focused on one or two elements (areas) for discussion. David Lincoln expressed the need for the EDC to be out and among the businesses to understand the changes needed, if any, for business growth. Steve K. expressed the difficulty many felt about getting stuff done, i.e. Kittery Foreside improvements. John Carlson expressed issue with Website, the # of hits, the aspect of the EDC being a Corporation as they are in Bridgton, ME. Jeff T. expressed the committee's upward battles against competing with NH and Portsmouth, the presence of PNSY as the major employer and business driver.
- Chair spoke to the reality of what the EDC can really do and what authority we have for bringing businesses into Kittery. Mentioned that we are more of an advocacy for businesses and business growth, but should certainly focus on zoning and ordinance limitations and working with PB and CPC to mitigate these growth restrictions.
- Committee agreed to have Chairperson Dow present to the Council the EDC 2015 year in review and request an extension of the EDC into 2016.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

See above under Unfinished and New Business

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: December 22, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by the Councilor Denault; Seconded by the Tom Emerson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.

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