

**KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
07-17-2019**

July 17, 2019

Regular Meeting 6:00PM

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call.

Attending: Town Councilor Ken Lemont, Jeff Clifford, Director of Planning and Economic Dev. Adam Causey, Shaye Robbins, Stephen Kosacz, Drew Fitch.

3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption.

No amendments to the agenda offered.

4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes – May 15, 2019

Chairperson cast one vote for acceptance of minutes as presented.

5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

a. Senator Mark Lawrence

Senator Lawrence reviewed significant actions from the state legislative session. Senator Lawrence spoke regarding energy rebates and other incentives available through the Maine Energy Trust Fund and other initiatives. Senator Lawrence was asked about solar power incentives for municipalities and other activities to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, including increasing the network of electric charging stations along the seacoast. The committee discussed aquaculture initiatives with Senator Lawrence and requested information on incentives geared towards supporting this sector.

b. Andrew Ward, Associate at Colliers International

Mr. Ward discussed the commercial/industrial real estate market in Kittery and surrounding areas. Mr. Ward handed out a flyer with market data. Discussion ensued on how to attract desired development to Kittery.

6. Committee Reports.

a. Update for EDC Dashboard

b. Update for Action Items / Priorities List

Adam Causey briefly reviewed the Action Item matrix.

7. Unfinished Business.

a. EDC Dashboard & Action Items

Adam Causey spoke regarding the possibility of creating a Town economic development strategic plan. Adam said there might be money available through the Economic

Development Administration but it would be a competitive grant, and he might need help putting an application together. Jeff Clifford and Shaye Robbins expressed interest in assisting with this effort.

8. New Business.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2019; 6:00PM, Conf Room A

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Clifford. at 7:35pm, second by Shaye Robbins. Motion passed unanimously.