

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES – **APPROVED 10-17-2018**

October 17, 2018

Regular Meeting 6:00PM

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dow called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call.

Answering the call were, Chairperson Dow, Vice Chair Emerson, Jeff Clifford, Shaye Robbins, Steve Kosacz, Director of Planning and Economic Dev. Adam Causey and Councilor Ken Lemont.

3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption. Chairperson cast one vote for acceptance of Agenda as presented.

4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.

Approval of 8/15/2018 minutes with Chairperson Dow casting one vote for approval of minutes as presented.

5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

a. Gunner Ek, Aqua culturist –

Gunner reviewed at length the opportunity that Aqua Culture offers to potential educational programs at Traip Academy. He spoke of opportunities with harvesting shellfish and fish farms along the local coastline. He has been working with the K.P.A on various projects within the waterways under Kittery governance in the area of aqua culture.

b. Susan Johnson – Kittery School System

Susan spoke to the Expanded Educational opportunities taking place at Traip to which Susan manages. Spoke of how the type of aqua culture opportunities Gunnar spoke to could blend with the expanded educational program and potentially creating a magnet school program bringing in students from other communities. This would be discussed further with Traip curriculum leadership. Susan also stated that working with EDC and making local business aware of the program.

c. Todd Rollins – Town of Kittery Shellfish Committee Chair

Todd is a new member of the Shellfish Commission. Spoke of the Spruce Creek and that the quality of the Creek continues to improve, but that Aqua Culture is impacted by the Creek water quality and that it is important to continue the work being done by the Town towards this end.

d. Peter Thomas – Kittery Citizen who is joining the Shellfish Commission and wanted to hear more about the Aqua Culture programs and their impact on the local waterways.

6. Committee Reports.

None

7. Unfinished Business.

a. None

8. New Business.

- a. Adam provided update on the Biz Park and the upcoming information session that he and Kendra would be holding for residents concerned about the new ordinance and its impact on their properties.
- b. Tom relayed information regarding the Inclusion Housing Committee and the upcoming 2-day session discussing the potential use of the Walker Street Fire Department

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

- a. Chairman Dow to reach out to Superintendent Waddell and Curriculum Coordinator Marilyn Woodside to attend the November EDC meeting to continue discussion on the Aqua Culture program opportunities
- b. Discussed Recommendation for EDC to attend upcoming Shellfish meeting on 9/17. Ken Lemont attended but due to the size of the group the presentation was relocated to Traip Academy.
- c. Request Kendra to provide update on the discussion of placing solar panels on Town properties.

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: November 28th, 2018; 6:00PM, Conf Room A

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by the Ken L. at 8:19pm; Seconded by Chairman Dow. All in favor.