

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES – **APPROVED 01-23-2019**

January 23, 2019

Regular Meeting 6:00PM

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call.

Answering the call were, Chairperson Dow, Jeff Clifford, Shaye Robbins, 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 10/17/2018 minutes with Chairperson Dow casting one vote for approval of minutes as amended.

5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

a. David Gerasin –

David review his thoughts regarding the development of the property which he owns within the Business Park and also the recent approval of the Business Park zoning ordinance and its impact on development within the Park.

David express that State taxes and the States position on not having a tendency to offer favorable tax breaks to business looking to start in Maine could have a potential impact on business opportunities.

David is in the process of building a Master Development Plan and will be reviewing that with Adam C.

6. Committee Reports.

Adam provided brief update on projects taking place in Town, i.e. ADU's, Re-Codification. Also spoke to providing more of an integration of the EDC website with the Town's but also serving as a place to really emphasize opportunities for potential businesses investigating Kittery, i.e. Code, potential building sites, etc. Also spoke to potentially capitalizing on the Town's upcoming 375th Birthday as a means of development friendly Kittery and the growing commercial viability.

7. Unfinished Business.

Shaye provided a brief review of her workings with Susan Johnson on the Aqua Culture discussions in previous EDC meeting and the potential of developing a program at Traip in this field of study, utilizing our geographic location to the Piscataqua River and waterways, as well as the opportunity of developing a Magnate School bringing in students outside of Kittery.

The group felt we needed to build a greater buy-in from the leadership at Traip and asked the Chair to engage the Superintendent Waddell. Curriculum Coordinator and Susan Johnson have presented at previous EDC meetings and were receptive to the idea of establishing a program and its viability.

8. New Business.

- a. Discuss Invitation to KEAC to discuss projects they are reviewing/working on

Committee looks to hear from Stephen Kosacz, a member of KEAC, to provide an update on the current projects

- b. Discuss Invitation to Commercial Lender(s)

This had great discussion with some names given to contact about attending an upcoming EDC meeting to discuss Trends and movements in business development in surrounding communities as well as Southern Maine/New England; also review of shoreland development opportunities.

- c. Discuss Parks & Rec as impetus for community development

Postponed to a future meeting

- d. Discussion on next Report to Council – Tentative 1/28/19

Agreed on scheduling a report to Council in March 2019.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

- a. None

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: March 20h, 2019; 6:00PM, Conf Room A

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