

1 KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – UNAPPROVED MINUTES

2 October 20, 2021

Regular Meeting 4:00PM

Virtual via Zoom

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4 1. Call to Order

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

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8 2. Roll Call.

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

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12 Staff present: Planning Director Adam Causey

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14 Guests present: Emily Flinkstrom, Executive Director, Fair Tide

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16 3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption.

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

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20 4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes: None.

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22 5. All items involving visitors / requested officials:

23 a. Emily Flinkstrom, Executive Director, Fair Tide

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

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33 6. Committee Reports: None

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35 7. Old Business: None

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37 8. New Business.

38 a. Foreside zoning discussion

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

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48 9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

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

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10. *Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.*

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