

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES – **APPROVED 6-02-15**

March 10, 2015

Regular Meeting

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order.
Chairman Dow called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call.
Answering the call were Chairman George Dow, Patrick Trevino, Kittery Town Manager Nancy Colbert Puff, and Tom Emerson. Mr. Carlson, Councilor Denault and Stephen Kosac were absent.
3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption. None
4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.
Without objection, the Chairman cast one vote to approve the minutes of meetings on 02/24/2015 as presented.
5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

None.
6. Committee Reports.
None
7. Unfinished Business.

To the extent of establishing the priority of the business growth areas and determine the groups, e.g. Planning Board, Comprehensive Plan Committee, local Realtor's, Foreside Forum group, local business owners, etc. that the Committee would like to interview regarding the growth and business development in these defined areas, Committee member Tom Emerson felt that have the Planning Board establishing a Rep at the EDC meetings would assist the committee in developing this knowledge.

8. New Business.

Discussion revolved around the Foreside forums and the plan to bring a Consultant into the mix to provide insight into key elements of expanding the Foreside offerings but also blending growth and minimizing the impact to the local residents that live in the Foreside. From the Forums and discussion amongst the EDC committee there is desire for continued growth in the foreside and adjacent areas but there is also a strong opinion that we do not want to over build and lose the character of the community, as some felt the City of Portsmouth has done. The Committee discussion also involved a need to stay abreast of zoning effects and the impact they have on growth.

There was discussion on the EDC's apart promoting the Rice Public Library's plans for a new Library. Nancy discuss her attempt to gather a small group of "key" representatives from the Library Board, KCC, Council, and community. Tom Emerson stated he would be willing to represent the community and EDC on this committee.

Lastly there was some minor discussion on the EB5 process which was going to be researched and presented to Council through the Town Manager Report to Council.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

None.

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: June 2, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by the Pat Trevino. Seconded by the Tom Emerson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

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