

December 13th, 2017

Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Board

Members present:

Rachel Rubeor – [quoddycrust@gmail.com](mailto:quoddycrust@gmail.com)

Stephani Teslow – [stephanilt@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanilt@yahoo.com)

Denise Rule - [ddalton.rule@gmail.com](mailto:ddalton.rule@gmail.com)

Fred Pierce – [f.pierce@cobscookbaymusic.com](mailto:f.pierce@cobscookbaymusic.com)

Renee Gray – Town Administrator

The meeting was opened at 5pm

Fred Pierce suggested that this board should be more aware and fluent in other websites and functionalities.

It was discussed that the meeting minutes need to be done within 1 week.

The next Economic Board meeting was set for Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm.

Fred Pierce made a Motion for the meeting minutes to be due one week after the meeting and the agenda will be sent out one week prior to the meeting.

Rachel Rubeor seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Rachel Rubeor questioned Fred about ‘marketing inventory’ and Denise Rule handed out her inventory list that she had produced.

Fred commented that actually talking to people about their business is preferred over a survey for information on the “inventory”.

Fred discussed the Maine Broadband Coalition (MBC) and the fact that it is the main group bringing broadband to rural Maine. Reading the MBC information site is critical to getting up to speed with broadband information.

Fred suggested that members should be on the MBC mailing list to be better informed.

Rachel suggested that Fred do a seminar on broadband terminology and to present it on Quoddy TV and broadcasting. Fred agreed to this request.

Denise Rule questioned what Fred would be discussing. Fred replied that it would be terminology, how things get from one place to another online, the “backend”, and enough knowledge so that we can understand articles we read.

Fred talked about web hosting and how this is an employable position, but it must have broadband.

Fred stated we need to use what we already have. Lubec has fast broadband but we do not have a marketing effort to get people to use it.

Fred stated that we need to: 1. Inventory what we have and make sure it is reliable. 2. Market it to a customer base.

Rachel asked for clarification of fiber optics and broadband.

Denise commented that the library has a dedicated T1 line that is from the State library system and that it is very fast.

Renee Gray questioned what we need here to make this broadband happen.

A discussion about routers and modems continued.

Renee suggested Ginny Morano might be helpful to this board.

The “Net Neutrality” vote going on in government this week was discussed and how this may affect us.

Fred discussed the menu of the login that this board is to use for information.

The meeting closed at 5:45PM