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November 15, 2017

Meeting Minutes of the Economic Development Board

Members present:

Rachel Rubeor – quoddycrust@gmail.com

Stephani Teslow – stephanilt@yahoo.com

Denise Rule - ddalton.rule@gmail.com

The meeting was opened at 4pm

Fred Pierce attended.

Rachel Rubeor discussed the past meetings of this economic development board and suggested that we need to focus only about fiber optics.

Fred Pierce stated that we need to have more meaningful meetings and he then went down a list of what the functions are for each committee member.

Fred discussed that the current Town of Lubec website has ads that pop and stated that Lubec needs to join a broadband coalition and we need to research what is going on in the broadband industry.

Renee Gray asked if we have any existing businesses using broadband and Fred stated we did.

Rachel Rubeor discussed some information that broadband is being done from the island to Canada through Lubec and possibly could we tap into that.

Fred and Rachel discussed how the information will get on the website and who will post it.

Fred suggested that this board should have regular updates for the select board.

Fred suggested that we should add action items such as; is in charge for what items issues.

Denise Rule suggested these items could be in the minutes and we go through to see if the people did their action items.

It was discussed that on the website we can have a discussion group and an agenda should be ready 3 days before the meetings.

A main issue discussed was a marketing plan and can get up to speed on what is happening on broadband. Fred suggested that this board needs to do inventory and see what we have, a list,

Visit Lubec Maine website was mentioned as being in need of a webmaster but there are many local websites to explore, Fred reported.

Denise Rule will begin to attempt the collection of local websites and we will need to find someone to take over.

Fred suggested a methodical recruitment for people, and to inventory the positive and negative side of what we have to offer, especially in winter.

The board discussed how the school is an integral tool to bring people in and discussion ensued about what broadband service the Medical Center and the Library has.

Renee Gray offered to put link to the economic development website on the towns' website.

Next meeting December 13, 2017 at 5pm