

Town of Mt. Desert Economic Development Committee  
Minutes June 6, 2019

Present: Durlin Lunt, Martha Dudman, Minot Weld, Sam McGee, Nancy Ho, Tony Smith, Kathe McCoy, Jackie Hewett

Excused: Dan McKay, Wendy Wood, Rick Wheeler, Matt Hart, Averel Wilson, Don Graves

- Minutes of prior meeting on 5/21/19 approved
- This is the first meeting as a standing committee of the Town
  - o Minutes taken will be part of the public record
- Discussion of committee structural issues
  - o We need to draft a simple, straightforward statement of goals, including:
    - How we will approach committee membership
    - How often we will meet
  - o General statement: the original mission statement drafted for the Economic Development Committee should suffice
    - We should add a clear intention to work closely with other local organizations, such as:
      - The Island Housing Trust
      - Mount Desert 365
      - The Broadband Committee
      - The Chamber of Commerce
- Committee membership:
  - o We will aim for a total of 12 to 15 members, minimum will be 5.
  - o They will be appointed for 3-year terms
    - They are eligible for a second consecutive term
    - But must step down for a minimum of one year before serving a third term
  - o Initial Committee members will be randomly appointed 1,2 and 3 year terms to create a member rotation schedule
  - o We will seek to include as members:
    - Local business representatives
    - Additional village members
    - 'At large' members of the Mt. Desert community
    - Summer residents
- Meeting minutes will be submitted to the town clerk
- Meetings will be held in appropriate town meeting spaces
- Public notification of scheduled meetings must be given
- Public comment and participation in meetings will be welcome
- Committee officers will be nominated and elected at an upcoming committee meeting
- We will draft an organizational statement and submit it to the Select Board
  - o Draft charter
  - o Present it at the next Select meeting
  - o Elect officers at following Committee meeting