

**FREEPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2014, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Harraseeket Inn  
MINUTES**

**1. The meeting convened at 6:05 PM**

**In attendance:** Drew Sachs, Candice Rinaldi, Chip Gray, Corey Bouyea, Mark Malone, Adam Nappi, Peter Troast, Jim Cassida, David Latulippe, Peter Joseph

**Absent:** Wendy Caisse, Betsy Ruff, Sarah Tracy

**Guests:** Roben Voigt, Mary Davis

**2. Introductory comments**

Drew welcomed the board and guests to the FEDC annual meeting, and thanked Chip Gray and the Harraseeket Inn for accommodating the group. He also welcomed new members, and noted that their different backgrounds will add diversity to the board, and that more voices and viewpoints will result in better ideas.

**3. Consent Agenda Items:**

**1. Approval of MINUTES of May 20, 2014 meeting**

**2. Acceptance of FINANCIAL STATEMENT for period ending May 31, 2014.**

Candice moved and Jim seconded acceptance of the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous of all those present and voting.

**4. Economic Development Report**

Keith reported that Scott Dugas, who had purchased the "Red Wheel Antiques" barn and adjacent buildings on Rte 1 south has now reached full occupancy on his properties. His efforts to re-develop the property are continuing, and he is looking at the residential buildings on the property, and other development potential. Keith also reported a lease of a small space next to Cuddledown on Rte 1, just south of Desert Road. The 1300 square foot space would become a new art gallery. Keith also reported that with the conclusion of budget season at the Town Council, FEDC's request for \$95,000 in funding for the FY2015 fiscal year had been approved. Keith summarize FEDC's success stories over the past year, discussing new and existing businesses who had received various levels of assistance and support from FEDC, including: Maine Woolens, The Wishful Moon, Four Seasons Sewing and Alterations, Maine Beer Co., MOM's Organic Munchies, and others. He also discussed working closely with property owners including Scott Dugas, Tom/Andy Wilbur and Erin Wiley (Glichtman Family Trust) on their vacancies, and developing relationships with realtors and other possible strategic partners. For FY2015, he hoped to engage in some larger, more assertive and impactful economic development initiatives, and said he would begin presenting options for discussion at the July meeting. Adam asked about real estate activity at 23 Durham Road, and Keith updated the Board on the "Freeport Medical Center" proposal which was going through the permitting/board process. Dave Latulippe spoke about the Envision Maine Summit which would be taking place, and encouraged Keith and the board to take note of Envision Maine's activities.

**5. Election of Mary Davis and Ed Bradley**

Drew introduced this item on the agenda by re-stating how impressed the committee (Jim, Drew, Keith and Adam) had been with the quality of candidates who applied. Adam recalled the process undertaken to find and interview candidates for the open board seats, and how that process led the committee to officially nominate Mary Davis and Ed Bradley for election. Keith reminded the board that the nominations had been officially made at the May meeting, and that tonight's meeting would be the election of both Mary and Ed. Drew invited Mary to introduce herself. Mary thanked the board for the opportunity, and discussed her background working in the private sector. She felt that she had much to learn about economic development, but felt her experience would bring a valuable, new opinion to the table. Drew stated how impressed the committee had been with Mary, and that he looked forward to her participation. Drew spoke about Ed Bradley, saying that he is a highly-respected member of the community, a volunteer and public servant, and that aside from a career as an attorney, has also been involved in various business ventures. Chip moved and Peter T. seconded the election of both Mary Davis and Ed Bradley to the FEDC Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous of all those present and voting.

**6. Approval of the FY2015 FEDC Budget**

Keith reminded the board that the details of the new fiscal year budget had been largely worked out in previous board meetings, but that he had waited until the Town Council gave final approval of FEDC's funding request until presenting it to the board for passage. Chip moved and David seconded approval of the FY2015 budget. The vote was unanimous of all those present and voting.

**7. Adjourn**

Drew asked for the board's approval to draft and sign a letter of thanks on behalf of the board to the outgoing board members. The board agreed.

Prior to adjourning, Roben Voigt asked to share an idea with the board. He encouraged FEDC to be more involved with the school, possibly with fundraising for the needed high school renovations, or with engaging the business community to involve more students, or with developing some other creative solutions. He issued the board a challenge to act. Drew remarked that FEDC had supported the renovations to the high school, and that the board has always acknowledged the importance of the schools to FEDC's mission. Keith reminded the board that Vision 2025 speaks to FEDC being involved in celebrating improvements in the schools, and with helping enhance partnerships between the schools and the community. Chip suggested that many businesses are already involved, but maybe FEDC could be a connection or conduit between the schools and the business, to help formalize the connection. The board thanked Roben for his suggestion and comments.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM**