

# MDI Tomorrow – Subcommittee on Economic Prosperity

## Notes from the Meeting Wednesday, May 1

Attending: Valerie Chaisson, Ann Luther, Joyce Peterson, Clare Wood

Next Meeting: Final Planning for Economic Summit  
Friday, May 17  
10 am, Jackson Labs

### Economic Summit

The Economic Prosperity Committee has decided to proceed by holding an Economic Summit. Plans are to hold this event late in the afternoon of May 30, in the auditorium at the Jackson Laboratory. Two speakers will be invited, one to talk about general economic development efforts at the state and regional level, and one perhaps to speak more specifically about efforts in the tourism sector.

- Goals:
  - Solicit more input on issues and opportunities
  - Prioritize issues for further analysis
  - Identify potential partners willing to work on more detailed follow-up
- May 30, 3:30-6 pm, Jackson Labs auditorium [Joyce with confirm]
- Agenda:
  - Speakers = 1 hour:
    - Steve Levesque, Department of Economic and Community Development
    - Nat Bowditch. Maine Office of Tourism
    - Stephanie Clements intro for Nat, maybe talking about where BH is now compared with 30 years ago
  - Breakout: Issues and Opportunities = 30 minutes
    - 10 groups of 10 people
    - What are the issues?
    - Who are the potential partners?
  - Break, while we assemble the data = 20 minutes
  - Dot voting: everyone gets 5 dots to vote their top issues = 20 minutes
  - That leaves us with 20 minutes of runover time

### Next Steps

- Invite speakers
  - Steve Levesque [Joyce will contact]
  - Nat Bowditch [Joyce will contact]

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- Stephanie Clements [??]
- Attendees:
  - Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Mount Desert and Trenton Chambers of Commerce. [Clare has or will get lists & mail]
  - Jill Goldthwait
  - Ted Koffman
  - Dennis Damon (county comm)
  - Dana Reed and other town councilors/selectmen
  - Joe Losquadro
  - Bob Cossette and Bob Bouchard (airport)
  - Len and Paul Hartel from ANP
  - Ron Poitras and rest of HCPC
  - Bob Ho, MRDC
  - MCF
  - John Buell
  - Ken Olson
  - Liz Hughes
  - David Lind
  - Ann Cosack
  - Bar Harbor Futures Committee
  - ACT, SW Harbor
  - Sea Coast Mission, Gary DeLong
  - David Cole, EMDC
  - Other MDI Tomorrow sub-committees and volunteers
- Other logistical details
  - Develop and print invitations
    - Need speakers confirmed
    - Joyce will have printed
  - Use pre-printed index cards to capture attendee registration and willingness to work on further issues where each could write their name, company/affiliation, e-mail, and whether they are willing to work on the committee [Joyce again]