

**BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES: Monday – February 2, 2026**

Call Meeting to Order – *Chairman Jon Miller*

Flag Salute – *Chairman Jon Miller*

Open Public Meeting Act Statement - *Secretary*

The Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Borough of Tuckerton was hereby called to order at 5:38 PM. Notice of this meeting is in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press.

**Roll Call:**

	Glen Best	Marcella Klein	Ken Laney	Jon Miller	Kim Sakevich	Dave Shaffer	Chuck Watson
Present			X	X	X	X	X
Absent	X	X					

Also, In Attendance:

	Mayor Sue Marshall	Councilman Ron Peterson
Present	X	X
Absent		

**Recording of Hours (Since January 5, 2026):**

Glen Best	Marcella Klein	Ken Laney	Jon Miller	Kim Sakevich	Dave Shaffer	Chuck Watson
N/A	N/A	4	20	24	15	5

**Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2026:**

Mr. Laney made a motion to approve the January 5, 2026 minutes; the motion was second by Mr. Shaffer.

**Open Public Forum:**

A motion was made by Mr. Watson to close public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Laney. All in favor; none opposed.

**Old Business:**

## Seaport Collaboration Discussion Summary

A recent meeting took place between Borough representatives (Brian, Frank, Ron) and Jenny from the EDC with Seaport officials to discuss potential collaboration opportunities. The Seaport expressed strong interest in working with the Chamber of Commerce, including opening shops in some buildings, hosting events, and potentially adding a public boat ramp with parking and slip rentals in the area where boats were historically built. The Seaport needs to confirm with Green Acres regarding guidelines for permissible activities before moving forward. A site visit is planned once weather improves to identify buildings suitable for conversion into retail spaces.

However, concerns were raised by EDC and Chamber leadership about the limited invitation to the meeting, with only one Chamber representative invited. The committee emphasized the importance of functioning as a team, stating that future meetings involving the Chamber or EDC should include either all key representatives or none, rather than selective participation. They acknowledged the Borough and Seaport have separate issues to work through independently, but when Chamber or EDC involvement is needed, they expect to participate collectively to maintain proper representation and respect for their volunteer work.

The discussion also covered the Seaport's financial sustainability challenges, noting that it needs substantial income beyond grants to survive and maintain the deteriorating facilities. Participants identified numerous buildings that could be converted into shops while preserving historical areas like the Captain's House. Ideas included reopening the Captain's House for tours and potentially restoring the tea room that was previously popular. The Chamber, now at 62 members, plans to reach out directly to the Seaport's main contact, James Allen, to offer assistance when they're ready to collaborate on filling retail spaces.

### **New Business:**

**Restaurant Week-** The committee discussed whether to continue managing Restaurant Week through the EDC or transfer it to the Chamber. Since the EDC has few restaurant members and Restaurant Week has historically been exclusive to Tuckerton Borough restaurants, they decided to keep the event with the EDC to maintain its local focus. However, they agreed to have Andrea from the Sandpaper include Chamber membership information with her Restaurant Week solicitations to encourage future participation.

After reviewing various options and considering conflicts with Mother's Day (May 16th) and Memorial Day weekend (May 25th), the committee confirmed Restaurant Week dates of April 25th through May 2nd. This timing follows the traditional schedule of running from the last Saturday in April through the first Saturday in May, and conveniently coincides with Porch Fest on May 2nd, which could bring additional visitors to local restaurants.

One participant volunteered to contact Andrea with the confirmed dates to move forward with planning.

**Chamber of Commerce-** the Chamber has grown to 62 members since launching in August, adding eight new members in the past month. The membership includes significant variety across different industries rather than being concentrated in just a few sectors like real estate or insurance.

The next Chamber meeting is scheduled for February 26th and will feature entertainment. This will be the first meeting with a sponsor, and entertainment has been secured for the entire year. A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday to work out logistics for executing events throughout the year.

**Members Forum: None.**

**Close Public Forum:**

A motion was made by Mr. Watson to close public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Laney. All in favor; none opposed.

**Approval of Secretary Services:**

**Roll Call:**

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Glen Best				
		Marcella Klein				
		Ken Laney				
		Jon Miller				
		Kim Sakevich				
		Dave Shaffer				
		Chuck Watson				

**Adjournment – 6:00 PM**

Motion by Mr. Watson, second by Ms. Sakevich; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:

Savannah Beaulieu, EDC Secretary