



# MDC Conference: Economic Basics, Gateways and Centennial Thinking!

May 13th 2016 - Bar Harbor

## Sessions by Tracks

### Economic Vitality

#### Speakers

10:45 - 11:45

June L'Heureux, Waterville Main Street  
Bre Pinkham Bebb, Our Town Belfast  
Jake Korb, Main Street Bath

1:30 - 2:30

Heidi Neal, Loyal Biscuit  
Biggs, Saco Main Street  
William Mann, City of Saco

3:00 - 4:00

Anne Ball, Maine Downtown Center  
Nancy Smith, GrowSmart Maine

#### Four Points Basics: National Main Street Center's Four-Point Approach

Organization, Design, Economic Vitality and Promotions

Learn from those on the street everyday. Three of our Main Street Directors share their experiences and expertise!

#### Economic Vitality: Is Your Community Ready for New Businesses?

Rob What are businesses looking for and how are the communities and property owners getting ready for them?

#### Making Headway in YOUR Community

Creating community building around a project and learning what matters most to your community. Explore the tools and learn from communities who have completed the program!

### Gateways

10:45 - 11:45

Andrew Dorr, Town of Vinalhaven  
Kristina Cannon, Main Street Skowhegan  
Gordon Page, Rockland Main Street, Inc.

#### Tourism Gateways & Destination Expectations. Are You Visitor Ready?

Coastal, Western Mountains, Islands or Lakes Regions are you ready for visitors? As recreational tourism becomes part of almost every Maine community what do you need to know?

1:30 - 2:30

Delilah Poupore, Heart of Biddeford  
Patrick Wright, Gardiner Main Street

#### Entrepreneur Challenge

Three of our Main Street Communities have had very successful Entrepreneur Challenges. If you are a communities are looking to learn the basics and best practices, two of our Main Street Directors will share their experiences.

**2:30 - 3:00**

Break at Reel Pizza and Networking in the Village Green - Fiore Artisan Olive Oils and Vinegars pick up and tasting. Water, Coffee, Grab & Go Snack

### **Afternoon Break**

Pat & Nancy O'Brien from Fiore Artisan Olive Oils and Vinegars will be at Reel Pizza for a tasting and pick up of a mini bottles of Fiore Oil and Vinegar. Grab a cookie or granola bar, water & coffee. Great opportunity for Networking in the Village Green!

## **Gateways, cont'd**

**3:00 - 4:00**

Walking Tour with Bar Harbor Trails & Parks and Kim Ballard, Project Canopy

### **Trails, Trees, and Public Spaces: Walking Tour/Session**

Tour downtown Bar Harbor trails and parks. Learn about appropriate downtown trees from Project Canopy along with bridging the natural and built environments for the next 100 years.

## **Centennial Thinking**

**10:00 - 11:00**

Delilah Poupore, Heart of Biddeford  
Abigail Cioffi, Downtown Westbrook Coal.  
Tom Bartell, Town of Windam

### **Visioning: What Matters Most to the Future of Your Community**

Visioning case study: Westbrook  
Visioning in a non-traditional Main Street: Windham

**1:30 - 2:30**

Robin Reed, Maine Historic Pres. Comm.  
Greg Paxton, Maine Preservation  
Deb King, Brunswick Downtown Assoc.

### **Historic Districts**

Registered & Local Districts, Historic Tax Credits  
Learn the differences, what it takes to become a Historic District and how to take advantage of Historic Tax Credits.

**2:45 - 3:45**

National Park Service

### **Acadia National Park**

Centennial Thinking Past & Future  
Celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service with a talk about the History of Acadia.