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Town of Norridgewock
TIF Advisory Committee Minutes
January 21, 2020

Vice-Chair Becky Ketchum called the meeting to order at 5:04PM in the conference Room at the Norridgewock Town Office. Committee Members Brandi Ireland, Jessie Everett, Ruth Keister, Drew Ketterer, and Sallie Wilder were present. Also, in attendance for all or parts of the meeting was Town Manager Richard LaBelle and owner of Lynch landscaping John Lynch.

Drew made a Motion to adopt the minutes from last meeting; seconded by Sally, all were in favor.

We all reviewed John's proposal for his façade project. There were many questions around if this satisfied/met the rules of the façade program. Drew stated, "We are looking for a reason not to do it, I am looking for a reason to do it." Drew made a motion to approve proposal in full amount with no conditions. Brandi seconded. All in favor except Sallie. We came to an agreement that this met bullets 1 & 3 in the TIF standards-To increase the economic validity and to heighten Norridgewock's thriving environment. This is going to cut the carbon footprint of this business.

Richard gave us an update on the revitalization project. We haven't received any paperwork yet; the draft plan is coming. Once Richard receives this, he will get it out to a group to review and give him feedback. This should be presented within the next few weeks. He will get it to the TIF committee for review and the working group and then submit to Board of Selectman.

Richard mentioned that under new business he would like to see the airport become public. Wants to investigate building a new terminal. There is a program where the DOT would put up 95% of the project leaving the town with only 5% out of pocket. The building would be around \$1,000,000 if we used this program there are many federal rules to follow. It was proposed that we possibly use TIF money to avoid the federal restrictions they would impose. This spot could be used as a training space available to the public. This might give the town a better perception with the Town people or even outsiders if we had a nice new terminal space that was available for use. Richard also is going to be talking with Waste management, Madison electric and CMP about 40-50 acres of Solar panel development.

Drew mentioned he was at a local business and was talking about our upcoming TIF meeting and that the person had no idea what TIF was. How do we get the word out more so local businesses know what the TIF committee is all about and the funds we have available. Becky made a great suggestion that any area businesses that receive TIF help we put a sign out that states Funded by TIF Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 5:00 PM.

Becky Ketchum made a motion to adjourn at 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Everett

Secretary, TIF Committee