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**Town of Norridgewock**

**TIF Advisory Committee Minutes**

**July 21, 2020**

Co-Chair Becky Ketchum called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM through Zoom, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §403-A. Committee. Committee Members Brandi Ireland, Jessie Everett, Drew Ketterer, Sallie Wilder, and Becky Ketchum were present. Also, in attendance for all or parts of the meeting was Town Manager Richard LaBelle.

There was some discussion on the last minutes about an application for the façade program. Becky didn't think we already had the application; Richard stated we received the application the day before our meeting. We never got a chance to look at this application because it wasn't complete. It was decided to leave minutes as is. Jessie made a motion to adopt the minutes from last meeting; seconded by Brandi, all were in favor.

Christian Savage from Somerset Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) came to talk with us about the grant program he and some fellow members of the community have started. He explained they wanted to start a program that was easy and non-specific for business owners in our area to get some relief. They currently have \$75,000 raised. They have received 53 applications to date. He explained there is a panel of people from the area (Kristina Cannon, Jeff Hewett, Jason Gayne, Vicki Alward, and Sam Hight) that will sit down with the applications and follow a specific rubric to score them. They will then have to decide depending on the money available vs the number of application if they give full grants of \$5,000 or split things up to help more people. We decided to table this for now until Christian can get us the data. The application process ends on 7/31; he has committed to getting us the data by 8/1. Richard will share this data with us and we will meet again on 8/4 to decide if we want to participate.

Richard updated us on lighting. He has asked for a few different examples of light fixture on certain poles so we make sure we decide on ones that we want. He will forward this information once it is received.

Richard contacted DOT about signage. They are looking into getting him some additional information. Becky also stated she would reach out to DOT about the historic panel. We all had a thought that we should leave the historic panel where it is but possibly do a new panel of town with some highlights of where people can go (restaurants, historical places, etc.). This could sit at the boat launch for people to view. We were going to bring this to our next meeting so John can weigh in on that discussion.

Becky would like us to come up with one thing we think the TIF money can be used for to benefit the Town.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 4:00 PM.

Becky Ketchum made a motion to adjourn at 4:53PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Everett

Secretary, TIF Committee