

**Town of Norridgewock
TIF Advisory Committee Minutes
May 19, 2020**

Chairman John Malek called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM through Zoom, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §403-A. Committee Members Brandi Ireland, Jessie Everett, Becky Ketchum, Drew Ketterer, John Malek, and Sallie Wilder were present. Absent was Ruth Keister. Also in attendance for all or parts of the meeting was Town Manager Richard LaBelle.

Drew made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting; seconded by Becky. Motion Passed, 6-0 (Malek, Ketchum, Everett, Ireland, Ketterer, Wilder in favor; none opposed).

There was one application for the façade program submitted for this meeting. The application came in from Mission Impossible Dairy Farm located at 506 Beech Hill Road. The application submitted is requesting funds for to side and roof a dilapidated roadside barn on the property. The total estimates provided is \$5,500; we would provide 50% of that (\$2,750,00). Becky pointed out that in driving by the location, there was no evidence of an operational business. She suggested the addition of signage to the property so that people would know there was a business. Brandi noted that the support for local agriculture is important, especially in these times when so many are shutting down. Drew made a motion to recommend approving this request with the condition that reasonable roadside signage be installed to identify the business. 50% of the sign expense would be eligible for reimbursement under this grant award; Jessie seconded. Motion Passed, 6-0 (Malek, Ketchum, Everett, Ireland, Ketterer, Wilder in favor; none opposed).

Richard provided an update on the Community Revitalization Plan and showed a couple of renderings of potential improvements to the Main Street space. The Committee discussed the future of a proposed rail trail through town and what it might mean for local businesses and residents.

Richard has received numerous inquiries from the public about how the Town would recognize graduating seniors in light of the pandemic conditions. He has worked with a vendor to design banners that would hang on Main Street, one for each student. The banners would hang for about one month, then given to each student. For this to be viable, the Town would also need to purchase 20 replacement flagpoles. Brandi made a motion to recommend approving this funding request in an amount of \$2,083.50; seconded by Jessie. Motion Passed, 6-0 (Malek, Ketchum, Everett, Ireland, Ketterer, Wilder in favor; none opposed).

Richard presented some initial street light options for the committee to consider. Funding to replace the existing lights has already been approved, but the actual upgrade was tabled until the Community Revitalization Plan was completed. The plan now recommends the installation of lighting through the downtown from the existing locations up to the intersection of Routes 2 and 201-A. Richard asks the Committee to consider the various lamp designs, as well as the concept of extending the coverage of lighting. There was discussion about the impact of the lighting and whether existing lighting may be sufficient. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, at 4:00 p.m. It will be hosted on Zoom, unless conditions allow for the meeting to be held in person. A final decision will be made as the date nears.

Chair John Malek adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Everett
Secretary, TIF Committee