

Town of Norridgewock

TIF Advisory Committee Minutes

May 25, 2021

At 4:00, there wasn't a quorum, so Richard began an informal discussion, providing the committee with information about the Economic Development position. The position starts at \$20 per hour and will work 20-24 hours per week. This money would come directly out of the TIF fund, at least for the first year. He is going to provide the committee with a list of overarching priorities to review and provide feedback as to what we want this position to achieve. He will send us a list of the goals for the new position.

Vice Chair Becky called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM through Zoom, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §403-A. Committee, as a quorum was present. Committee members Brandi Ireland, Jessie Everett, Becky Ketchum, and Sallie Wilder were present. Also, in attendance for all or parts of the meeting was Town Manager Richard LaBelle and Eric Everett. Absent were committee members John Malek, Drew Ketterer, and Ruth Keister.

We moved on to Eric Everett's façade application. Eric is coming back with a new plan we asked him for. He is proposing the placement planters on the edge of his property where the fence was. He cannot dig up the sidewalk to put the rock wall in. He is also planning on building a landscaped area at the exit of the car wash. Jessie made a motion to approve the \$1,950-Brandi seconded. Becky had concerns. These items are not permanent, they will need to replace the flowers and dirt each year. Sallie had some different concerns; she didn't think we should give TIF funds to the same person over and over again. We should be spreading the money to projects that haven't already requested TIF funds. Becky wanted to take the \$1,950 out of the 25% left we agreed to pay for paving (\$4,500). This ended with 3-1 vote. There was still much discussion after this, and Jessie motioned to reverse her vote and Brandi seconded. Becky then made a motion to pay the \$4,500 and the \$1,950 together. Jessie seconded. All were in favor.

The committee reviewed the continued application from Growth Development Facilities that had been tabled at the previous meeting, so to gain more information about the proposed project. No additional information has been provided by the applicant, as requested. Brandi made motion to deny the facade request, due to lack of information. Becky seconded and all were in favor.

We reviewed the minutes from last meeting (April 27) and there were some corrections. Jessie made motion to approve the minutes as amended and Brandi seconded. All were in

favor. We then reviewed the minutes from the April 29 meeting minutes. Becky made motion to approve minutes from April 29, Brandi seconded all were in favor.

We tabled discussion on the walking trail until John could present to explain and show his vision. It was mentioned to put a fence around the dumpster at Emery Square. Richard asked if the TIF committee would be in favor, the cost should be around \$5,000. We discussed a few options: Chain link fence with slats, paint the dumpsters. Richard will bring us back some other options because the committee felt these weren't the most appealing or cost effective. We discussed pet stations next. Jessie thought these are very expensive and is worried people won't use them. We tabled for next meeting.

Richard is asking us to bring back ideas or programs that might encourage business vitality. What would we like to see? Becky wants to invite the airport people back to discuss this again. We want them to make a proposal to us with how TIF funds can be utilized. Richard will invite representatives of the airport to make a presentation to the TIF Committee before the end of this year.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 22 at 4:00 PM.

Becky adjourned the meeting at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Everett

Secretary, TIF Committee