

**Town of Norridgewock****TIF Advisory Committee Minutes****September 28, 2021**

Chair John Malek called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM at the Town Office. Committee members Jessie Everett, Ruth Keister, Becky Ketchum, Brandi Ireland, John Malek, and Sallie Wilder were present. Member Drew Ketterer was absent. Also, in attendance for all or part of the meeting was Town Manager Richard LaBelle.

Jessie made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Brandi seconded. All were in favor.

Richard presented us the pamphlet and map from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce. He wanted to put feelers out to see if this is something TIF wanted to support, in terms of municipal membership. Jessie mentioned the benefits of exposure through the Mid Maine Chamber that the Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce just doesn't have. The Norridgewock Chamber disband after Bob Gilcott passed away. There was minimal interest in keeping the organization going, so it dissolved.

Ruth asked about KVCOG and what that membership offered. Richard explained they assist with joint purchasing of winter road salt and culverts. The savings of these items alone, generally pay for the cost of annual dues. They also offer government-subsidized loans, very different than the chamber.

Becky had concerns that she wanted to make sure we made it on this year's map and pamphlet. Richard explained that with the current timeline, this should be possible. The Chamber has just sought proposals on the next publication. We want to highlight the airport, boat launch, and a few other places. She was wondering why TIF money had to pay for this program. Richard explained this is for economic development and we don't necessarily have the funds in the appropriate accounts at this time, so TIF funding at least for the first year is a logical solution. Brandi made a motion to recommend Town membership for 1 year; Ruth seconded. All were in favor.

Becky mentioned revising the façade program. We need to put a disclaimer in our rules that work should not be completed before TIF approval; we shouldn't retroactively pay for any work already completed. Heat pumps and solar panels were also mentioned. Maybe this could be placed on the next agenda to consider revisions

Richard told us that the swimming area at Oosoola Park was approved by the State. They are in the process of researching docks systems and dock layouts for the space. He will get us more details when he finishes researching things.

John mentioned he tagged the proposed walking trail near the ballfield with pink ribbon so we could go down and walk through to see where he was suggesting. He will also reach out

to Fred Marshall and have him walk the trail to get him an idea if anything is at all possible with that area. John mentioned that an estimated cost could be expected at approximately \$200,000 to complete the project. Members are encouraged to walk the path before a future meeting. John will also provide feedback at the next meeting from Fred.

Next meeting will be October 26, 2021 at 4PM at the Town Office.

John Adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Everett  
Secretary, TIF Committee