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Town of Norridgewock

TIF Advisory Committee Minutes

March 22, 2022

Chairman John Malek called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM at the Town Office. Committee members Jessie Everett, Ruth Keister, Becky Ketchum, Brandi Ireland, John Malek, and Sallie Wilder were present. Also, in attendance for all or part of the meeting was Town Manager Richard Labelle and Scott McIntyre.

Becky made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes. Ruth seconded and all were in favor.

Scott took the floor and explained his past projects including his businesses in Fairfield and Winslow. His success in these towns has been proven with how well the businesses are doing. He presented his façade application to us. Becky had some questions: How much money we had left in the TIF account and designated for façade improvement. Richard explained we have plenty of money to help with façade requests since we haven't had any requests yet this year 2022. Ruth had some questions: She stated the estimates aren't hard estimates. He explained he uses the same people for all his business ventures and that the quotes are standard. She also wanted to know who will manage the business. He has someone in mind, or he will manage it himself; undecided at this moment. Ruth and Becky expressed concerns over needing actual invoices. Richard explained that we match and matches are paid on reimbursement basis, with proof of payment, and this is checked back to the proposal. John asked why Norridgewock? Scott explained there is very limited competition in this area; his niche is really these small towns who are starved for these types of businesses. Jessie made a motion to approve up to the \$25,000 requested. Brandi seconded. Becky made a comment of thinking it was only 20% they could request; John reviewed the guidelines and confirmed the \$25,000 figure. Drew was out but sent an email for Richard to read into the record. He supports this request and explains even though the business might use his shared parking lot, he encourages the approval of this request. He feels the town could use this type of business. Becky and Ruth had a few more questions about what the sign was going to be made from, what the landscaping might look like, and the hours of operation. Scott answered all of their questions. After discussion, all were in favor of the motion.

John presented some information on the canoe/kayak proposal. There were a few different options that he presented-wood vs metal. He would donate his labor to build it. I expressed concerns about it being stolen but he reassured all of us that no one would be able to move it once it is there. There is a company, Down River Expeditions, that could handle the rental part for the town. Brandi made a motion to do the 9-kayak, permanent structure. Ruth seconded; all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:04. Next meeting set for 4/26 at 4PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Everett

Secretary, TIF Committee