

June 14 ,2021

TIF Committee Minutes for June 14, 2021, at 6:00 pm

Board Members present: Brent Chesley, Tom Michaud, Jamie Pitney, Michael (Mickey) Wing, James (JJ) Wentworth, Trishea Story, Jamie Pitney, Irene Belanger, and Jim Wilkens. Dan Boivin was not able to attend. Bob McFarland resigned from the committee and was not present. Also, present was Becky Hapgood- Town Manager, Marie Michaud- Secretary, Bob OConnor- speaking on the Broad Band initiative, Jen Smith- speaking on Thurston Park, and Landis Hudson- from Maine Rivers, speaking on ARI. Some were present at the present at the portable classroom and others attended by Zoom.

1. A motion was made to accept the last meeting minutes by James W and seconded by Brent C.
2. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by JJ W and seconded by Irene B. Roll call was unanimous. Discussion included: No major payments were made for the Causeway project. Becky will provide the balance in the TIF account per Jamie P's request. There is another CO for approximately \$47,860 for additional work at the Causeway. The paving work at the Causeway will be partially funded by the Public Works Dept.,
Regarding Addendum 2; The town voted for all the TIF requests, Jamie P will work with Becky or an Intern to prepare submission to submit to the State.
3. Status of loan Payments: it is expected that the loan will be paid off by Buckshots by the end of June. There was no public comment.
4. **New Business: Application of TIF Funds**
CLA, CRLA Scott Pierz, CRLA and CLA President, explained that \$10,000 would go to the Gravel Road Initiative and \$37,5000 would go towards YCC and LakeSmart. There is a pilot project at Three Mile Pond regarding the GRI. \$50,000 is the amount of funds intended for these projects over the next two years starting July 1, 2021. Because this fund involves two different organizations, two MOU's will be created to present to the Selectmen. Jamie explained that our next step is to recommend the funding to the Selectmen for approval and for Becky to sign the MOU's. Jim Wilkens made a motion to approve \$50,000 for these projects for each of the next two years and it was seconded by Brent C. Roll Call was almost unanimous with Jamie P. abstaining. Therefore, Roll Call was 7-0-1.

Four Season's Club; requested \$30,000 **Thurston Park**: requested \$57,582. These were discussed together.

There was much discussion by committee members with Thurston Park Committee Member Jen Smith. The Thurston Park request included several line items with their individual costs. The issue was how to best accommodate their request along side the request from the Four-Season Club's request. A motion to fund \$30,000 to the Four Season's Club and the remainder to Thurston Park was made by Jim W and seconded by Brent C. At Roll Call, Jaime Pitney abstained and all remaining TIF members approved the motion. It was recommended that the Thurston Park Committee get back to the TIF Committee with an update on the estimated budget for their line item concerning a storage building, since material prices have increased over the last year. The next motion was by Jamie P. recommending that Becky, as Town Manager, to sign the

quote with the price for work to be done by Scott Childs at Thurston Park since the Park is town property. Roll Call was unanimous.

Broad Band was next discussed. Bob OConnor and Jamie P. explained the complex request submitted. The Broad Band committee may be returning for more money after they find out if they are awarded a grant for \$2,500 from Maine Connect. That has to do with Pg 35, B1. A motion to approved \$10,000 was submitted by Jim W and seconded by with Trishea seconding. Roll Call was with Jamie abstaining and all other members approving.

Maine Rivers: Landis Hudson representing Maine Rivers gave a brief overview of the ARI progress. Committee member Brent Chesley stood out of discussion and voting since he has ownership in the construction company working on the ARI project. A motion to approve the requested \$30,000 for ARI was made by Jim W with JJ W. seconding. Roll Call was unanimous excepting Brent C abstaining.

5. **Public Comment:** Scott Pierz, representing the CLA and CRLA thanked the committee. Tom Michaud reminded the committee members that he is stepping down from the chairman position and Marie Michaud will 'retire" from the secretary position at the end of this term, which is next month. Tom asked the members to consider accepting the chairman position for the next term. James W announced that he will step down from the vice chair position. Tom said he was willing to be vice chair if elected. Marie suggested the committee to use some of the funds in the budget to hire a secretary. Mickey W suggested to first see of a member of the public would volunteer to be the secretary.
6. The next meeting will be Monday, July 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Michaud, Secretary for the TIF