

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT 6:30PM

COOMBS BUILDING, KENDALL ROOM

**Present:** Wendy Rose, Lee Parker, Jean de Bellefeuille, John Scribner, Ian McConnell

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Matthew Eddy

- I) Call to order/determine quorum
- II) Review/approve meeting notes
- III) Add items/rearrange agenda
- IV) TIF update:
- We reviewed the marked-up document last month; Matthew passed out a copy of the “final” TIF document (will send electronic copy).
  - First step is to go the Select Board to let them know about the revisions, then we will need to schedule 2 (we believe) public sessions; one should be a Public Hearing and one should be in front of the Select Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays are when the Select Board meets. Suggested we go to the Select Board meeting on February 28. Matthew will finalize the application. As many committee members as possible should attend.
- Important to remember that TIF money has to be spent. Currently there is a balance of funds in a Town account that may be as much as 900,000-1,000,000. Will ask Nicole for amounts that have been spent, what is left, etc. Jean will follow up.
- V) Project Updates:
- Wendy received a lovely letter from DOT; there are two DOT grant programs that might be helpful. Federal infrastructure money is beginning to come in with a 3-year window; with a town fiscal participation of 10% to 20% of the cost of a given project. Wendy will package her letter and the resources and get on Yvette’s calendar to begin the process of exploring funding possibilities. Walkable village plan should be included.
  - Wendy - Open Space Plan follow up – would like to have something in the Comprehensive Plan to acquire/promote access to waterways. Perhaps explore/develop an Open Space Plan.
- VI) New Projects:
- Start initial draft of Strategic Plan (SOW)
  - Closed hardware store status
  - Possible leverage of town website for listing virtues of Bowdoinham (are there town resources for maintaining website?) Jean will send out his starting list and is asking people to make comments o

- Address ambulance issue: Select Board is talking about the Ambulance issue at every meeting

**VII) Determine next meeting agenda**

- 3/7/2023, by Zoom (Jean will be out of state)

**VIII) Adjourn Meeting**