

HOOKSETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY December 20, 2017
4:30 P.M.

- **Call to Order 4:36**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Attendance: Chair-David Scarpetti, Paul Scarpetti, Dan Lagueux, Alden Beauchemin, Marc Miville-Town Council Representative, Ivan Gault @ 5:10pm**
- **Staff: Dean Shankle-Town Administrator, Kathy Lawrence-Community Development Administrative Assistant**
- **In Attendance-Jeff Larrabee**
- **Approval of Minutes : November 15, 2017**
- **Motion to Approve minutes of November 15, 2017 made by: Paul Scarpetti , 2nd by Marc Miville**
- **Motion carried: All**
- **New Business**
- **Update of TIF Advisory Committee Meetings:**
- **Review of TIFAC presentation to Town Council on 11/15/17
Option 1 recommendation.**
- **Dean Shankle** After the recommendations were presented the Sewer Commission objected because option 1 would connect exit 10 area to Manchester. Now Town Council (TC) is leaning toward the Sewer Commission's recommendation of Option 3 which is running a line under the river to Tri Town which they would finance. Once that is established then we can see who will tap into it. We are a month away from the deadline for a Warrant Article and there are still to many options and we have spent many hours talking about this.
- **David Scarpetti** I feel the same, we have been talking for too long and people have lost confidence that this will get done.
- **Marc Miville** Town Council is going to schedule a Public Hearing for the 29th. We have a month to go and we still don't have a firm plan.
- **Paul Scarpetti** The Sewer Commission will run the sewer line to Tri Town and the sewer will pay for the line under the river?

- **Dean Shankle** Yes, they have the money to run it to Tri Town and then additional funding will run it north and south from there.
- **Jeff Larrabee** I am very interested in this option! We are planning more hospitality development at exit 11 and we will need sewer. We hope to go to the town in med February with development plans and are very excited about the discussions with the Sewer commission. We asked them for a letter of plans with the building of the infrastructure and we will continue to develop exit 11 area. The water department said they would bring us water too.
- **Marc Miville** This development could go a long way to paying off the TIF. These plans have changed a lot.
- **Jeff Larrabee** Yes, now with sewer we will have more possibilities.
- **Marc Miville** You were dealing privately with sewer are you still?
- **Jeff Larrabee** I have more recently become involved and was waiting for my deals to come together. I will build more to make it worth their while for the investment.
- **David Scarpetti** Will we need a TIF if sewer is providing the line under the river?
- **Alden Beauchemin** the Sewer Commission was going to spend \$1.5m to run it under the river and a pump station at Tri Town. Jeff is going to put the trunk in to his end of the river (Hackett Hill). Then the additional funding is to get it to go south to the exit 10 area.
- **Dean Shankle** We have spent a lot of time on the TIF plans and then the Sewer Commission presents a new plan. I am going to recommend to the Town Council that they should do the engineering study to see what it would take to get the sewer to that side, then we could look at how to finance and pay for it. If they would do the study to exit 10, we could use the money we have for planning and we could hire someone to talk to the businesses and developers to research what there is for interest.
- **David Scarpetti** Yes, get the Sewer Commission to do the study then we don't have to go to voters with a Warrant Article for funding approval this year.
- **Dean Shankle** I would like to see them do the study for the whole project, have a way they want it done and the study they arrange will have those answers.
- **Jeff Larrabee** They want a pipe size to cover the whole TIF from exit 10 to exit 11. Get this first leg started and then everything will follow and they want to keep the flow and not let it go to Manchester.
- **David Scarpetti** What about water?
- **Alden Beauchemin** Part of it is HVW, the exit 11 portion and part is Manchester water at exit 10.
- **Paul Scarpetti** I think Dean's proposal is very good.
- **David Scarpetti** Is there anything new about Bow?
- **Dean Shankle** I don't think the Town Council is interested in option 6. I am going to propose that we get out of sewer business and let the sewer Commission take it over and do the way they want to see it developed.
David Scarpetti If the agreements are complete from Sewer commission and Jeff Larrabee then we don't need to go to the voters and the time crunch is off.
- **Alden Beauchemin** The town and the developers need to know what is being done. I think we as a committee should meet with the Sewer Commission to see what they need from us to get this going. Jan 8th @ 12pm is the next meeting of the Sewer Commission and we could go.

Kathy to set up the arrangements for EDAC to attend the Sewer Commission meeting on 1/8.
- **Marc Miville** the Town council meets on 1/10 @ 6pm, everyone here should attend the meeting as we discuss this development. We will meet with the Sewer Commission 1/8 to help advise the Town Council at the 1/10 meeting.

- **New Business:**
- **David Scarpetti** suggested the EDAC invite to our next meeting on 1/17/18, Steve Marro, Merrimack County Business Administrator. His contact info: smarro@merrimackcounty.net 603-796-6800. I think he would be of help with the information we need for this. He came to a Town Council meeting back in March in support of infrastructure development.
- **Other business:**
- **Marc Miville** I think this committee should be multi-tasking more and not just focusing on 1 task at a time. We are only discussing the TIF and we need to go back and follow up on other projects we have been working on and not yet completed. Promoting business, recruiting business and follow up is something we should be doing. I would like us to start working on this in January. Also, I would like to see us move the start time of our meetings back to 5pm starting next month.
- **David Scarpetti** Would changing the meeting time to 5pm create any conflict with other meetings?
- **Marc Miville** No.
- **Marc Miville made a motion to move the meeting start time to 5pm. Ivan Gult 2nd, All in favor**
- **David Scarpetti** Marc Chagnon is interested in being on the EDAC board to fill our vacant Business Member. I have known him for several years, he works for union leader, he is involved in HYAA and coaches soccer. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.
- **Dan Lagueux** recommends him also and thinks he would be a very good addition to our team.

Development update:

Dean Shankle- A Nano brewery is interested in moving to town.

Town Planner: The choice we recently had made first accepted and then declined and now we are back to looking at where we go from here.

Motion to adjourn made by Ivan Gult, 2nd by Dan Lagueux

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Lawrence