



WEDC May 15 2020
Approved Minutes

Present

L. Walker
G. Garfield
R. Norman
D. Valvo
D. Morris
K. St.Laurent
R.E. Post
N. Shea

Excused

M. Magnuson

7:41 A.M Call to order by Chair G. Garfield. Pledge of Allegiance. Representation from Planning Board and Board of Selectman are R.E. Post and J. Simmons.

K. St.Laurent and Gabe Toubia's terms are set to expire. Will ask for reappointment.

Committee reports:

- Infrastructure- Water line update refer to as Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Phase 1 is approved and being constructed. Line is out to bid that will serve Klein's to route 28. Phase 2-Bond failed. G. Garfield proposed to selectmen to create a committee to learn about water line and move issue along. Too much missing information on prior efforts. Much work to be done. Voters approved establishment of TIF District. Draft plan to selectman in next 4 weeks. R. Norman will put together plan to explain what a TIF District is and is not. Citing examples of success. TIF District intended to pay for waterline. Town may need to front some of the funding. Jennifer asked about timing of presentation for actual TiF District will follow at a later timeline. June 15 should have a 30-40% design for discussion.

Question by Wendy Williams: What is purpose of TIF District if water line bond was voted down. G.Garfield clarified TiF District will be to fund water only. Additional question by W.Williams if project needs to be back on ballot at some point. G.Garfield acknowledged at some point it will need to go back as a warrant article but will not be this year.

50 Private wells have been sampled in an attempt to identify limits of contamination. The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to sample 160 private wells in contaminated area post Covid restrictions.

G. Garfield cited \$150,000 of tax payers money already spent mitigating contaminants. DES and the Town still making an effort to identify scope of contamination

- Land Use- Inventory of commercial properties is available. R. Norman will provide list to committee.
- Chamber update-Busy couple of weeks. Businesses are all in survival mode. Many report up to 75% loss of revenue. Chamber acting as conduit for information. \$1.25 Billion made available to state for businesses. Several committees have been established as to where the funds should be distributed. C. Macoul suggested we look at our own businesses we have in town and identify any needs they may have. How do we help promote and support. Follow up to ask businesses what needed are and identify resources.

Liaison reports

- Planning Board update-Limited activity in building development at this time. Board focus is currently focusing on processes and Master Plan. Consensus will start with a vision and allow other segments to grow out of a vision. Any questions that group has for Planning Board that she can convey to board.
- Board of Selectmen update- as phase 1 water line comes into play franchise information will be forth coming regarding what sections of town will be converted by what providers.

New Business- Recognize AJ Letizio for SBA of NH.

Motion made by G.Toubia seconded by D.Morris. Meeting adjourned 8:45 AM