

**Town of Eliot
Business Development Committee
September 3, 2008**

Members Present: John Chagnon, Russ McMullen, Dwight Snow

Selectman Present: Betsy O'Donoghue

Meeting was called to order. Chairman noted the invitations we received to the ribbon cutting at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center. Betsy O'Donoghue was in attendance and reported to the Committee.

The Committee discussed if there was any progress regarding our proposed Ordinance changes with the Planning Board. Dwight indicated that Kate Pelletier had written up the meeting discussions and Dwight would send along a copy to the Committee.

Russ and Betsy reported on the Comprehensive Plan. Some of the Committee's ideas are being considered for inclusion in the Plan. The Committee discussed responses to citizen concerns regarding our proposed changes.

The proposed TIFF was discussed. The process is moving forward. Russ has been attending the meetings. The next meeting is September 18 at 5:30. One of the items discussed was sharing Committee minutes with other Boards and Committees. Russ McMullen made a motion that the Business Development Committee place minutes of our meetings in the mailboxes of other Town groups and that we have as a regular agenda item "Public Comment". Seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

The Committee reviewed the proposed sign dimensioning and text. The Committee would like to add "Please Come Back Again" to the back of the sign and look at the feasibility of placing rider signs (such as "Town Meeting June 19" or "Eliot Festival September 27 / 28") on the sign. John will check with Maine DOT to insure that is allowed in a gateway sign.

The Committee decided to work on a development brochure in the coming months.

The meetings were set for the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 pm in Town Hall, except for November and December which will be re-scheduled due to holidays.

Submitted by: John Chagnon