

Town of Eliot

Business Development Committee-Meeting Minutes-April 27, 2011

Present: John Chagnon, Russ McMullen, Douglas Keith, Jack Murphy, Grant Hurst, Dutch Dunkleberger, Dwight Snow, Chuck Bradbury.

Call to order: John Chagnon-7:00pm.

Public Comment: Jack Murphy spoke about some of his vision for the development of the 236 corridor utilizing the TIFF funds. He calculated there were 44 properties that may be developed. He asked if we had thought of creating an Industrial Park where lots would have pre-approval so developers could turnkey into an approval. He wondered if we could assist landowners in getting permits and marketing properties. Russ McMullen mentioned that only Realtors can market property, but otherwise this was a great idea, one that we had thought of, but the Town would really need to be on board with to be able to carry to completion such an undertaking. Jack mentioned his letter to the Gas Company making inquiries about extending gas service down 236. Doug mentioned that Hissong Concrete was interested, but they could not carry the load for the entire installation needed to reach them. The Committee mentioned our talk with Maine and Company, and how we felt that all of the Town Boards needed to be on the same page about business development. As a result of the discussion:

Russ McMullen made a motion to invite Maine and Company to make a presentation to all Boards in Town at the Elementary School. Doug seconded the motion which was amended to include a meeting with the Town Boards prior to the Maine and Company presentation. The motion passes by unanimous consent. Doug Keith offered to write a letter to the Board of Selectman regarding the Maine and Company presentation.

The Committee discussed interacting with the Planning Board to see if we can “pre-approve” development sites. There was also discussion about the Planning Board having two Boards; a Plan Review Board and an Ordinance Board, to allow more focus by each group. Dwight Snow will present our ideas to the planning Board and report back to the Committee.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of March 23, 2011 reviewed and approved without changes.

Business After Hours and Showcase: The Committee will have a BAH event on May 25th. Mike Dube from Sturgeon Creek Enterprises will sponsor the event. Consequently our next meeting will be moved to the 18th. The Eliot Showcase will be set up for September or Early October. October 1st from 9 – 3 was chosen as the date and time. Chuck will take the lead on the event. The Committee decided that the event will be open to businesses headquartered outside of Eliot.

Business Development: Douglas Keith continued work on the web site: [Eliot Maine – Open for Business](#). He is looking for input from Committee members. An Eliot Vision Statement was discussed. Motion was made by Russ McMullen to ask Jack Murphy to draft an Eliot Vision Statement, for Committee review and approval. Approved by unanimous consent. Chuck Bradbury mentioned a new business that will have Art Camps for Kids at the Eliot Commons.

Next Meeting: May 18, 7:00 pm Eliot Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm