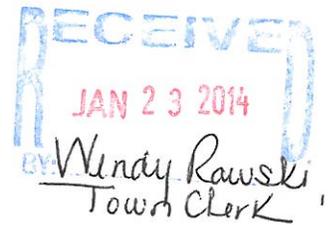


BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

These minutes will follow the agenda.

The Committee met at the Town Hall at 5:30.



1. The Chairman welcomed all and members were introduced.
2. During the public comment Mr. McMullen discussed a letter from a citizen that was derogatory in nature which he took exception to. Letter attached.
3. In reviewing the agenda portion of the meeting the Hotel TIF was discussed by a guest from Shipyard. Brandon gave an update on the Hotel plans. Shipyard continues to approach hotel developers and chains and find the slow economy a continuing problem. Shipyard will continue to explore all opportunities. On the 26th they will submit a plan for 38 units of elderly housing to Maine State Housing that is outside the TIF area. Shipyard continues to be great believers in the TIF program and has used TIFs in Portland very successfully. Shipyard has a private sewer line. There is some open space in the commons building.
4. The Town Planner discussed a site plan application, with maps, for a natural gas facility on route 236. Site map attached. There was a motion made to have the company, XNG Maine LLC, come to a meeting to discuss any possibilities for some specific benefits for the Town of Eliot from this project.

A 38 unit housing plan has been approved as has a composting facility. Members sign the two approvals for the record.

5,6,7. The sewer referendum vote was discussed. It was suggested the committee needs to develop a long term plan incorporating sewer to attract business to our designated district which is a part of the 236 corridor. The plan should provide the opportunity for services for the community on route 236. Mr. Donhauser has spread sheets showing several scenarios for the TIF going forward. There was discussion of previously distributed information regarding the TIF which was not correct/accurate.

8. There were no minutes from previous meetings to review.

9. There was a discussion regarding the committee budget going forward.

10. No action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Lewin

Approved 11/20/13