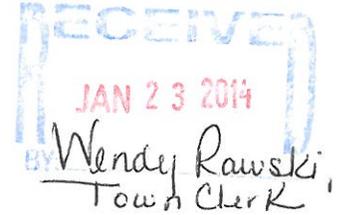


BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2013

These minutes will follow the agenda. Those attending;: John Chagnon, Mr. Dodge, Mr. Place, Mr. Dunkelburger, Mr. Bates, Mr. McMullen and Ms. Lewin.



1. Introductions and welcome by the Chairman.
2. No public comments were made.
3. The agenda was reviewed.
4. The Planner was unavailable due to a prior commitment.
5. Route 236 infrastructure discussion included the following: The Chairman discussed/read the letter to Mr. Berry XNG Maine LLC requesting they consider creating a gas franchise for Eliot. There are no plans in the immediate future for Kittery to extend water beyond Beech road at present. Evidence of future development activity is necessary. Perspective businesses require sewer and or sewer and water. The committee encourages the Selectmen to actively support the Sewer referendum question. What can be done about the apathy of voters in these important matters? Stores and restaurants require sewer and water as do other businesses. It was proposed that the committee do a plan for growth on the 236 corridor over the next 20 or 30 years. The plan should include a questionnaire for residents as to what they would like for services on 236 and then develop a specific plan for the type of development residents want there. There were two approvals for businesses. Mr. Allen for a home business doing auto repairs and to Mr. Gerry for vinyl signs for autos and store fronts.
6. XNG the proposed Natural Gas facility will be bringing 3 phase power to route 236. This will cover the 236 corridor with 3 phase power. There are no plans for Kittery to run water past Beech road until there is evidence of further activity in the area.
7. No minutes were available for review.
8. The 2014/15 committee budget was discussed. There is \$ 236.46 unexpended. There was \$ 874.00 in 2012. And 121.01 in 2013 and \$1189.21carried over for the welcome sign at the South Berwick town line. The sign will cost \$ 2645.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to requesting that our unexpended fund balance be carried over and to request the remaining funds needed for the sign be funded in the new budget. Further the committee requests a budget of \$ 700 for ongoing mailings, brochures and seminars/meetings. The Chairman will correspond with the Selectmen.

9. Sues two closed in October. Their problems included the lack of sewer and water. They could not use china because they could not wash it.
10. A more in depth discussion was held regarding a long term plan. Ms. Lewin will get the maps of the commercial industrial zone showing IF properties and who owns them. She will speak with the Community Service Department about reserving some space in the next scheduled booklet mailed to all homes for our questionnaire.
11. The next meeting will be on November 20th at the Town hall at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,


Sally Lewin

Approved 11/20/13