

**OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting
Eliot Tax Increment Financing Committee Meeting
Eliot, Maine 03903**

**DATE: March 3, 2020
APPROVED: April 4, 2020**

OFFICERS:

**Chair: Edward Henningsen
Vice chairman: Caleb Sloan
Secretary: Sarah Plocharczyk**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Eliot Town Hall.

In attendance: Charles Bradstreet (Charlie), Edward Henningsen (Ed), Sarah Plocharczyk, Randall (Randy) Stewart, Caleb Sloan, David Damon, Terry Chick, Rosann Lentz, and Dana Lee

Public input: None.

Review and accept prior meeting's minutes. Charlie motioned, Caleb seconded. All in favor 6:0.

Reviewed the RFQ for engineering services thus far. Underwood Engineering number one pick with Wright Pierce number two pick thus far. Panel consisted of Bryan Laverrier (Kennebunk Public Service Director), Ed Henningsen, Charles Bradstreet, Tim Babkirk, Mike Rogers. Notes: CES didn't impress and Dubois and King are too far away/not their normal service area. All need to be better at cost estimating for project in the future and the contingency plan should stay high.

Review TIF property owner survey: Sent out 36 surveys and received back 16 (44.4% return rate).

If sewer available would you connect? (12 yes, 1 no, 3 unsure)

Would you stay on current septic or tank? (2 yes, 9 no, 4 unsure, 1 answered N/A)

Would you like potential cost info regarding connecting to sewer? (15 yes, 1 no)

If public water available to your property would you connect? (7 yes, 5 no, 2 unsure, 2 answered N/A)

Would you likely stay on your well water? (5 yes, 7 no, 2 unsure, 2 answered N/A)

Would you like info regarding potential costs of connecting to public water? (10 yes, 3 no, 2 answered N/A, 1 did not answer)

Are you concerned about fire protection?(6 yes, 8 no, 1 unsure)

Would the provision of public water and sewer likely lead you to expand/grow your business? (7 yes, 7 no, 1 unsure, 1 did not answer)

There was concern at the citizen's meeting regarding existing sewer ordinances and whether people would be forced to hook up. Within 250 ft of main must connect and if sell the property the new owner has 90 days to connect to sewer? Possible exemptions or amend sewer ordinance possible.

What to look at price proposals for engineers – for ballot information or construction.

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35 Ed will update timeline going forward.

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37 Next meeting TBD

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39 Ed made a motion to adjourn, Charlie seconded, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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41 Respectfully submitted,

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43 Sarah Plocharczyk

44 Secretary, TIF Committee

45 Cc: Eliot Town Clerk, Commission Members, Commission File