

**Downtown TIF Advisory Committee
153 Farmington Falls Road
September 14, 2017 6:00 p.m.**

Minutes

TIF Committee members present were Byron Davis, Joshua Bell, John Moore, Paul Mills, Cindi Ferguson, and Richard Davis. Jennifer Bjorn was also in attendance. Gary Edwards, Cindy Gelinis, Ron Gelinis, Mike Mansir, and Kevin Madore were unable to attend.

ITEM 1: To Approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2017 Meeting

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting.

Mr. B. Davis seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5 – Affirmative 1 – Abstained
Motion carried.

ITEM 2: To Elect a new Committee Chair

Mr. B. Davis was elected Chairman by unanimous consent

ITEM 3: To Review the Status of the West Farmington Parking and Pedestrian Improvements Project

Mr. R. Davis said the bid for this project has been awarded to E. L. Vining and Son, Inc. for \$95,730. He said the Selectmen have allocated \$125,000 for the project, and it appears that the Downtown TIF Reserve Account has a current balance of about \$35,000. He said the bases for the four decorative street lights were included in the original project estimate, but not the lights themselves, and this could increase the cost of the project to \$125,000.

ITEM 4: To Review the Status of the Security Camera Project

Mr. R. Davis said he had nothing new to report on the project, as neither Tiffany Mauri nor Lori Gardiner have heard anything from the IT people in Orono. Discussion took place on the possibility of hosting the system at our own Police Department if UMF doesn't come through. What are the pros and cons? Mr. R. Davis will discuss this with Deputy Chief Cote.

ITEM 5: To Discuss Other Business

Mr. Mills asked if there are other possible projects to consider. Mr. B. Davis generated a discussion about taking on bigger projects by borrowing \$500,000, for example, to

accomplish more work. The pros and cons of this were discussed, and the consensus seemed to be to continue on the current path of paying for the projects as they are completed.

Other discussion included the public restroom and a possible location for same.

Mr. Mills also mentioned developing for more parking undeveloped portion of the 99-year leased Front Street Parking Lot area as a possible future project.

Mr. Bell felt that the Town should work long term to develop a river walk along the east side of Prescott Field and connecting to West Farmington, starting with trail signage.

Discussion took place on the need to recruit new committee members to replace those who have not attended the meetings. Mr. Mills agreed to ask Mr. M. Mansir if he would be willing to recommend a Franklin Savings Bank employee to replace him as he retires

Possible dates for the next meeting were discussed. Mr. R. Davis said he would ask Mrs. Gelinas to send out a Doodle Poll for the next meeting in November.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Richard Davis with input and from Paul Mills, both secretary pro tem.