Rte. 108 Corridor Study Committee Meeting Minutes February 1, 2018

Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room

10 Bunker Hill Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lucy Cushman, Joe Lovejoy (Chairman, Selectman's Representative), Maria Stowell, Richard Swett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Roger Groux, Nathan Merrill

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Deschaine (Town Administrator)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

CALL TO ORDER

Lovejoy called the meeting to order at 7:02

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Swett moved and Cushman seconded a motion to accept the minutes of January 11. Passed by unanimous vote.

FINAL TIF PROPOSAL

There was a review and discussion of the final Plan. Swett suggested some corrections. The Committee believed Swett's corrections were minor and not material to the intent or basis of the Plan. However, the comments are valuable and Lovejoy asked Swett to follow up with Deschaine. During the discussion it was announced that the Selectmen have decided that the TIF Plan will not be brought forth as a warrant article at this year's Town Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS TO RESIDENTS and COMMITTEE MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Lovejoy indicated the need to use social media to help communicate information about the TIF to residents. Lacking any such expertise by Committee members, Lovejoy asked members to identify others who might be willing to help the Committee with this task and also others who might be willing to serve on the Committee as we transition to the public information phase. Other ideas for public outreach were discussed. Swett offered that the Committee should prepare for public meetings by considering questions that will likely be asked.

It was decided that informational materials will be ready for distribution at Town Meeting this year, along with notices of a public information meeting to be held on April 19th. The committee will meet in preparation on April 12th. Staff will prepare the handouts and exhibits to be used at Town Meeting and at the public information meeting.

MEETING HANDOUT

Comments/suggestions from Stuart Arnett regarding next steps in light of the Selectmen's decision to delay the Town vote on the TIF Plan.

NEXT MEETING

April 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Cushman moved and Stowell seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Passed by unanimous vote.

SUBMITTED BY

M Stowell

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