

Rte. 108 Corridor Study Committee Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017
Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room
10 Bunker Hill Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Lovejoy (Chairman, Selectman's Representative), Lucy Cushman, Roger Groux, Maria Stowell, Dick Swett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Melissa Currier, Nate Merrill

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Deschaine (Town Administrator), Tavis Austin (Town Planner)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01

CONVERSATION WITH ARNETT DEVELOPMENT GROUP (ADG) CONCERNING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT DESIGN AND COVERAGE

Stuart Arnett and Matt Henry from ADG discussed steps needed to adopt a TIF. Following approval by the Selectmen, the issue would go to Town Meeting. Two warrant articles would be submitted. The first would propose adoption of the State Statute on TIFs, and the second would propose adoption of the plan. The Committee will work with ADG to draft the TIF plan. By way of example, ADG presented the Hooksett plan. Discussion ensued relating to components of a plan. The Committee will need to propose the area limits and scope of improvements. The TIF funds can only be spent on items identified in the plan. It is not necessary to accomplish all elements in the plan so the plan should not be too limiting. There was consensus that the plan would be drafted in two steps. This year's goal is to get a framework to the 2018 Town Meeting. The second step would contain more details on public and private contributions. There will be no bond request (no request to spend any money) this year. There was agreement that this approach is reasonable. Public meetings will be held.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Swett moved and Groux seconded a motion to accept the minutes of August 24. Passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS METHODS TO BE EMPLOYED TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH RESIDENTS ABOUT ENACTING A TIF DISTRICT PROPOSAL IN MARCH 2018

Lovejoy asked for ideas to bring the information we have been gathering to the public. Social media platforms were recommended. The Committee needs expertise to advance this idea. Suggestions were discussed including contacting Committee Member Currier, who has this skill set, and bringing a questionnaire to Family Fun Day.

UPDATE ON WATER SEWER OPTIONS

Deschaines indicated that there is opportunity for Stratham to use excess capacity in Newmarket's waste water treatment plant. This has changed from previous discussions. The Public Works Committee is exploring the feasibility.

MEETING HANDOUTS

None

NEXT MEETING

October 12, 2017, 7:00 pm.

ADJOURMENT

Stowell moved and Groux seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Passed by unanimous vote.

SUBMITTED BY

M Stowell