

MINUTES FOR 1/27/22 TIF COM. MEETING

TIME: 6:00 PM at trailer, China Town Office Complex

DATE: 1/27/22

Chair Michaud called meeting to order @ 6:05 pm and those present were identified as follows:

Members present in person: Story, Boivin, Wing, Morin, Pitney (Wentworth arrived ~6:10 pm)

Members present via Zoom: Michaud (out of town) & Chesley (illness)

Town Manager & Treasurer Hapgood

Others: M. Grow (reporter); Jen Smith (Thurston Park Com. Chair) & driver arrived ~6:30

1. Last meeting minutes: for 12/13/21, approved unanimously on motion, Story, second, Wing.

2. Treasurer's report: Hapgood reviewed a TIF Detail report (01/27/2022) and advised that approximately \$95,732 of the FY 2021-22 appropriation of \$265,000 had been expended to date. Report approved unanimously on motion, Wentworth, second, Story.

3. Old Business: None.

4. New Business:

Thurston Park application for FY 2022-23 was presented by Jen Smith. Questions and discussion focused on the pros and cons several of several maintenance/storage building types. The Glidden building construction price was good through June 2022. Usage and popularity of the Park is reportedly strong with increasing number of visitors coming from outside China. Action deferred to next meeting.

China Broadband (& TIF) Committee application for FY 2022-23 was presented by Pitney (standing in for CBC Chair O'Connor who was out of town). Funding requested is \$10,000 for possible consultant fees and \$30,000 set aside for part of cost to serve China areas "unserved" by suitable broadband infrastructure. Since financing for a Town-owned broadband system was voted down in November 202, CBC has been reaching out to nongovernmental ("private") broadband provider organizations about providing more broadband in China. CBC is finding that generally these "private" entities expect governmental financial assistance for expansion of service. Also noted was recent Select Board unanimous vote to approve continued CBC efforts to bring improved broadband to China. Action deferred to next meeting.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Adjourn (to 2/9/22, 6:00 pm): approved unanimously on motion, Wentworth, second, Wing.

Prepared by J. Pitney, Secretary for the 1/27/22 TIF Com. Meeting.