



Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes (6pm Meeting)

January 30th, 2023

Present : Stephen Finneron, Chairman
 Jim Haff
 Chris Karr

 Chet Hagenbarth, Town Manager

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. TIF Ballot Article Public Hearing
4. Adjourn

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda as presented. It was unanimously approved.

3. TIF Ballot Article Public Hearing

SB Karr and Stephanie Clarke opened the TIF Ballot Article Public Hearing. SB Karr introduced the Killington Forward project which focuses on job creation, village creation, workforce and affordable housing, clean water, and creating a safe and accessible Killington Road. Clarke spoke about the scope of the project and funding. She primarily focused on phase 1 of the project which includes:

- The water system which will run up the Mountain and down to Ravine Road
- Road improvements from US 4 to Anthony Way and into the Village
- Creating access to municipal water

The Selectboard opened the discussion up for questions:

- Steve Finer asked whether this project would continue further down the Killington Road. SB Haff stated it would but not during the 1st phase of the project.
- Debby Leblond asked how the Town would keep record of its spending towards the TIF project in light of the recent news concerning how Burlington handled its TIF

- project finances. SB Haff highlighted the differences between the two TIF projects and stated the Town would hire another person to keep track of the TIF finances.
- John Curtis asked if anything needed to be done to support the school and its infrastructure if more families move into Town due to increased affordable housing. SB Haff stated that the expanded water system would be connected to the elementary school and that the Town would be prepared to add an addition onto the school building if needed.
 - Steve Duchame asked how soon affordable housing would be dealt with. SB Haff stated that the Town had already identified a piece of property to build housing on and has begun discussions with developers.
 - Andrew Solomon asked how many stated agencies would be involved in the water system. The Selectboard stated that permits were already in place from SP Land and they were renewing them. The Town already has a point person for contact to state agencies.
 - Debby Leblond asked who owned the water if it was municipal water. The Selectboard stated that the Town does not currently own the water which is why they are asking voters to agree to the development agreement on the ballot.
 - Patrick Cushing asked if the first phase included building any of the new housing or if it only included necessary steps to get additional housing. SB Haff stated that it only included the necessary steps to get additional housing.
 - Mike Hodulik asked if residents like himself who lived near the Killington Road and has water quantity problems could potentially connect to the water system. The Selectboard stated that it could be possible years down the road.

SB Haff made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:45pm. It was unanimously approved.

4. Adjourn

The Meeting was called to adjournment at 7:45pm.