DRAFT 16 February 2022 Town of Clifton TIF Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the town office building. Present were Chairperson Linda Graban, Secretary David Cogdell, and member Nancy Hatch. Vice Chairperson John Williams II was unable to attend. The attendees were advised that member Steve Armenia had resigned from the Committee effective 16 February 2022. In the subsequent discussion, Cindy Grant, who was present in the audience, volunteered to be a member of the Committee as Steve’s replacement. Her name will be passed to the Selectmen for action as appropriate.

Upon a motion by Nancy/David and a 3/0 vote, the minutes of the 15 December 2021 meeting were approved (Note: there was no January 2022 TIF Committee meeting due to inclement weather and illness).

Linda noted that the Committee may want to switch meeting dates on a one-time basis at some point so that John’s friend from Belfast, who is responsible for economic development in that town, could attend our meeting to discuss his activities. Due to a reoccurring schedule conflict on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, he has been unable to attend any of our committee meetings.

There was a free-ranging discussion of conducting a new town survey. Linda will work on some additional questions with a goal of having a survey ready before the next town meeting/vote.

A spreadsheet outlining TIF-funded road projects in Clifton as well as TIF-funded comprehensive plan related expenditures was discussed.

The 12 January 2022 Selectmen meeting in which the possibility of having a TIF-funded sheriff’s deputy was discussed. The deputy would provide law enforcement service to the town and would be hired/provided by the Penobscot County Sheriff’s Office on a reimbursable basis.

Linda noted that she would contact John to see if he could obtain information on the application processes that other town’s use for TIF loans/grants.

There was a discussion about what areas of the town could be used for industrial and/or commercial applications along the Route 9 corridor. It was noted that these areas are marked on certain town maps and discussed in detail in the Clifton Land Use Ordinance.

Public comments at the meeting included discussing the merits of mailing the survey to town residents and that economic development should be the town priority.

Upon a motion by David/Nancy and a 3/0 vote, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Committee Secretary David Cogdell.