

Topsham Development Inc.

Minutes of February 4, 2025 Board Meeting

7:30 AM

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Peter Piccirillo, Curt Neufeld, Andrew Sturgeon, Dan Catlin (Via Zoom), Brian Robinson, Steve Pelletier, Nate Cloutier (via Zoom); Chris Wasileski (via Zoom), John Hodge (via Zoom)

Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark Waltz, Jeff Emerson

Others Present: Don Spann, Wright Pierce Representatives (joined at 8:00 AM): Chris Dwinal, Chris Dow, Brody Cambell & Jackie Cobb

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 AM. The following business was conducted:

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Robinson reported that \$2,500 of the \$5,000 promised contribution towards the Wright-Pierce water and sewer report had been received from the Topsham Sewer District and that no funds had been received yet from the water district. Chair Sturgeon said he would follow up with the Brunswick-Topsham Water District. Treasurer Robinson reported that \$52,145 of the contracted total of \$75,000 had been paid to Wright-Pierce to date. In other business, Treasurer Robinson reported that a CD with approximately \$51,000 was coming due in February and that he could renew at 3.85% for six months or 3.85% for one year. After discussion it was voted unanimously to renew for 12 months.

Business Development Inquiries. Chair Sturgeon said Planner Siladi had recently referred someone to him who was possibility interested in establishing a business in Topsham. Chair Sturgeon asked if this was normal procedure. The Town Manager replied that as long as TDI wants the referrals, they could be made to the entity. Chair Sturgeon confirmed that TDI does want the referrals and that he would follow up with the current referral. It was discussed that the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Planning Director would be the best staff contacts to work with regarding new businesses.

Town Manager Report. The Town Manager informed the group that there has been contact from licensing representatives interested in getting before the Select Board to inquire about the possibility of establishing a grid-scale battery storage farm in Topsham.

Wright Pierce Draft Water and Sewer Extension Report: Wright Pierce staff presented a draft of the report describing needed upgrades to get water and sewer west of I-295, as well as to serve development of the "Crooker District" and the former Topsham Annex. TDI members asked questions and provided additional information. After consultation with the Town Manager it was determined that a May Select Board meeting or workshop would be a possible time to present a

finalized report to the Select Board. Wright Pierce agreed to email a written copy of the draft report to TDI so that it could be read in more detail and feedback provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.