

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDING:**

**Directors:** Larry Fitch, Steve Pelletier, Curtis Picard, Brian Robinson, Don Russell, Chris Wasileski (6/10)

**Absent:** *All recusing:* Nancy Ban (CMH employee), Curt Neufeld (commercial relationship with CMH), Don Spann (PB role & family relationship to Midcoast), Andrew Sturgeon (Midcoast board member)

**Staff:** Derek Scrapchansky, John Shattuck

**1. CALL TO ORDER & MEETING FOCUS – Larry Fitch (acting Chair) 8:00am**

- Single agenda item: TDI statement re Proposed CMH Topsham ASC Project

**2. TDI STATEMENT RE PROPOSED CMH TOPSHAM ASC PROJECT - All**

- Discussion of proposed Central Maine Heal Ambulatory Surgery Center at Topsham campus
- Discussion of Certificate of Need (CON) process
- Discussion of 2020-07-15 MaineHealth-Midcoast presentation opposing CMH expansion
- Discussion and revision of draft TDI statement re Proposed CMH Topsham ASC Project
- **VOTED:** On the motion of Curtis Picard and the second by Chris Wasileski, the board voted unanimously (with Brian Robison abstaining) to adopt the TDI statement re Proposed CMH Topsham ASC Project, as revised (attached)
  - **Recused & not present at meeting:** Nancy Ban (CMH employee), Curt Neufeld (commercial relationship with CMH), Don Spann (PB role & family relationship to Midcoast), Andrew Sturgeon (Midcoast board member)

**3. ADJOURNED: 9:20am**

**TOPSHAM DEVELOPMENT, INC - STATEMENT RE PROPOSED CMH TOPSHAM ASC PROJECT  
2020-07-20 Adopted by unanimous vote of TDI directors present & voting**

Topsham Development, Inc. (TDI) is the municipally created economic development corporation for the Town of Topsham. The board of directors of TDI has voted to express its enthusiastic support for Central Maine Healthcare's proposed Topsham Ambulatory Surgery Center.

TDI's mission is to advocate for, and attract, high quality economic and community development for the Topsham community. TDI's directors have consistently used the following criteria when deciding when to advocate for projects:

- Direct economic benefits: creation of tax base and quality jobs
- Indirect economic benefits: helps other Topsham business, raises Topsham's profile, and attracts new customers.
- Consistency with the Town's Comprehensive Plan
- Context appropriate: fits with proposed location and existing nearby uses
- Community benefits: provides services the community needs or wants

In our assessment, CMH's proposed Topsham Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) project clearly and strongly meets all these criteria, and with virtually no controversy or opposition within the Topsham community.

CMH has been present in our region for a dozen years and has substantially increased that presence with the opening of the Topsham Care Center in 2018. The Town's experience with CMH has been a consistent record of transparency, affirmative cooperation and sharing of information. We believe that this project would provide multiple economic benefits and clear community benefits by providing services the community needs or wants, for both Topsham and the region.

For these reasons, the directors of Topsham Development, Inc express their enthusiastic support for Central Maine Healthcare's proposed Topsham Ambulatory Surgery Center.