



**TOWN COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2017**

Dale Crafts, At Large 2017  
Normand Albert, At Large 2018  
Kasie Kolbe, District 1 2018  
Allen Ward, District 2 2018  
Christopher Brunelle, At Large 2019  
Mark Lunt, District 1 2019  
Kris Crawford, District 2, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER.** The Chairman, Allen Ward, called the workshop meeting to order and waived the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL.** Members present were Councilors Ward, Kolbe, Brunelle, Lunt, and Crawford. Councilors Crafts and Albert were excused. Also present were Diane Barnes, Town Manager; Scott Kelly, Fern Larochelle, and the Sun Journal reporter were in the audience.

**KELLY PARK TIF**

Ms. Steuber handed out a list of improvements being completed with TIF funds in the Cities of Saco and Portland, and the Town of Topsham. She handed out (see attached) a copy of the Maine State Statutes which covers project costs and what are unauthorized project costs. Councilor Lunt asked if in the future the town didn't need these TIF funds for street improvements, could the town put this TIF money into its general fund. Ms. Steuber replied yes, since the \$43,000 each year is not directed to go into the Economic and Community Development budget like other TIFs in the past. That's a key piece to this project.

Scott Kelly thanked the Council for meeting earlier than May to discuss the TIF agreement. He indicated he was anxious to get moving forward. Fern Larochelle said it is nice to see funds available to the LDC for improvement projects. LDC is reviewing our main areas in Lisbon Falls and Village looking for small projects which can make a big impact visually as we drive through these areas. Over the years signs become weathered and need replacing. Hopefully, these projects will not feel lopsided as we develop/enhance both ends of town. It's nice to see Mr. Kelly's project will be putting something in play on that side of town.

Councilor Brunelle said it's all good. Mrs. Barnes indicated the next step will be for the Council to schedule a public hearing. Although that is not on the agenda tonight, the Council could suspend the rules and set that date tonight if they would like for the April 4 Council meeting. Councilor Ward said he didn't see anything holding this up. He said the Council will want to see the complete packet with the 60/40 split and all changes proposed by that date.

**WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further businesses, the Chair adjourned the workshop at 6:20 PM.

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Twila D. Lycette, Council Secretary  
Town Clerk, Lifetime CCM/MMC  
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