Town of Machias

Special Town Meeting Results May 12, 2021 for CDBG

Bad Little Falls Brewery

Town Clerk, Sandra Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M. at the Lee Pellon Center. After the Flag Salute, the greeting and return of warrant were read.

ARTICLE 1: The meeting was turned over to Elizabeth Fitzgerald after she was nominated and sworn in as moderator.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Machias vote to approve a community Development Block Grant project development application for the following program and dollar amount: \$180,000.

Wendell White requested an explanation of the project. Kathryn Toppan and Sean Lent offered a lengthy explanation regarding the hiring process and the requirements that had to be met. Ms. Toppan stated that the grant requirements will be met before Bad Little Brewery even opens. There were many questions about where they were going to get their employees and would they be using local farms. Town Manager, Christina Therrien, explained that this grant will be used as GAP funding to fill in, for instance, buying equipment etc. that may not be covered through additional lending. Ragan Toppan also spoke regarding the journey it has been for herself and her parents trying to get this project up and running.

There was a motion to cease discussion and the motion was seconded.

There was a motion made to vote by secret ballot. The motion was seconded.

A complaint was made that someone in the audience wasn't allowed to speak and it was requested that the Moderator consult the Robert's Rules of Order. The Moderator then allowed Kimberly Grier to speak and Kathryn Toppan responded.

The residents then voted on Article 2.

Results were Yes: 51 No: 18

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.

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