UTAC AGENDA

January 13, 2015
6:30 P.M.
Unity Town Office

1. Call to Order / Welcome / Introductions

2. Open Public Comments / Questions / Feedback

3. Comprehensive Plan Update –

4. UBX Meeting Update –

5. TIF Amendment

   - Vision for growth

   - Target areas for investment

   - Project thoughts, ideas

6. Community Understanding and Self-Image

   - Tax base

   - Tax impacts of commercial development

   - Attitudes toward growth

7. Signage—Chris

   - Confirm locations /permissions

   - Size / Design

8. Next Meeting Date / Agenda Items

9. Adjourn

Items for future UTAC meetings:
- Marketing and collateral materials development
- Website

Minutes of UTAC meeting January 13, 2015
Present: Noreen, Chris, Clem, Barry, Jean, Tony

Comp plan/landuse ordinance: Chris and Clem have sent an official request for feedback on the revised ordinance.

Ubx Meeting: Clem: businesses don't understand their role as drivers of growth in town.
Ed is talking to Freedom Press about including Unity in its distribution area.

Barry: businesses involved in their own growth and day to day.   They need a leader.
Noreen: some education is needed for people to understand the importance of commercial development in the tax base; without it, the residential portion will carry the burden.

Discussion about hiring a part time ubx leader/econ development person. Could be a percentage of a town manager's job.

TIF Admendment.
1. things that can happen within the TIF district boundaries
2. things outside the boundaries that are necessary for what is going on within it: eg, fire protection, sidewalks,
3. General economic development.

Our first priority should be within the district.
Sidewalks or breakdown lane on Depot Street. How to maintain in winter.
And how TIF funds can be spent for it.

Solar project. Can also be done by an investor like Gisland Farms did.

Current TIF expires in 2020 or 2022. Can be extended and amended.

Barry would like to do a survey door to door to see what people think about growth, Tony and about road repair too.