



Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes **Regular Meeting** **Wednesday May 9, 2013** **2nd Floor Auditorium**

Members Present: Kenneth LaBrack; Beth Hunt; David Connor, Sheila Donofrio

Members Absent: Dennis Casavant

Others Present: Gerald White; Grants Administrator; Jenelle Sroczyński; Finance Manager, Karin Scanio, Chairwoman, Construction Committee for Ahimsa Haven, Rick Morin, Realtor

Meeting called to order: 3:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the 4-11-13 meeting, LaBrack/ Hunt
Approved 4-0 @3:32 pm.

Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoices for Colonial Co-operative Bank, Murray-Davenport Oil, and Town of Winchendon were approved. *Motion to pay Colonial Co-operative Bank, Murray-Davenport Oil, and Town of Winchendon Donofrio/ Hunt* Approved 4-0 3:36 pm.

Financial Reports:

The financial reports were approved. *Motion to approve Financial Reports LaBrack/Donofrio* Approved 4-0 @ 3:36 pm

Town Manager Issues:

None for this meeting

Unfinished Business:

60 Franklin Street: Situation is status quo. Mr. White is keeping on top of issues. The WRA mortgage is still first.

11 East Street: Window for basement had to be special ordered. Lottery is scheduled for next week. One application has been turned in. Nine others are out. Grass maintenance may be beginning shortly.

Phase V Bike Path: Mr. Mizhir has agreed to sell property for \$70,000. Mr. White has been in contact with the state regarding the appraisal. State needs to approve appraisal before next steps can be taken.

Wind Tower: Wind Tower lease has been executed. Mr. White waiting on Mr. Casavant to sign lease. Once all signatures are obtained Mr. White will discuss with Brian Kuhn of Associated Wind Developers.

Front Street Barriers: Mr. Deline is working on issue. Mr. LaBrack recruited a \$250 donation from the Lions Club as match money for the Front Street improvements. *Motion for WRA to donate the additional \$250 for match money for improvements Donofrio/LaBrack Approved 4-0 4:25*

Mylec Road Design: Mr. White has design. Mr. Deline and Mr. John White to review plans. Should have an answer by next week. National Grid to do utilities. Need underground utility plan.

Teel Road Logging: Will be on hold until next year.

50 Franklin Street: Loan payment expected this month. Mr. White will give a reminder call.

Ahimsa Haven: Karin Scanio briefed the Authority on the progress of Ahimsa Haven. There have been many land improvements. Ahimsa Haven is now exempt from paying real estate taxes. The driveway is roughed in. John Deline, DPW Director has offered services for help with the driveway. Mrs. Scanio is waiting on National Grid to run power lines to building site. Ms. Hunt was curious as to when the operation will be up and running. Mrs. Scanio is hopeful for 2014. Ahimsa Haven is now looking for a grant writer to obtain funding for capital improvements.

School Street Property Offer: Mr. White called Ms. Maliska. She has no new information for the Authority.

New Business:

Teel Road Property Offer: Mr. Morin presented the Authority with an offer for the Teel Road parcel. Currently on the market for \$37,500. An abutting neighbor is interested in property. Front of the land is wet, would need to go back about 300 feet to reach buildable portion. Offer is for \$10,000 cash. Mr. White to check if parcel is on CCB loan. WRA decided to take offer under advisement. Offer is valid for one week.

Tannery Hill Property: Property is listed with a new agent. Would they consider donating property to WRA for the Converse Gardens Project? There is no clean 21E on land. *Motion to make \$1,000.00 offer on Tannery Hill Property Donofrio/Hunt 4-0 Approved @ 4:45pm.*

Solar: Mr. White received a call from a party who is interested in the same piece of land for a solar project. Mr. White forwarded information. Will send a follow up email.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: Donofrio/Hunt 4-0 Approved. 4:55pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:

