



Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes Regular Meeting Thursday April 14, 2016 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: David Connor, Les Goodrich, Kenneth LaBrack, Dennis Casavant

Others Present: Tracy Murphy; Director of Development, Thomas Smith, Winchendon Fire Chief

Meeting called to order: 1:32p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 3-17-2016 Regular Meeting Goodrich/Casavant 4-0 Approved, @ 1:35 pm.

Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoice for Colonial Co-operative Bank was approved. *Motion to pay Colonial Co-operative Bank Casavant/LaBrack 4-0 Approved @ 1:37. Authority members will need to go to Colonial Co-operative Bank to sign cards on site.*

Financial Reports:

The financial reports were approved. *Motion to approve Financial Reports LaBrack/Goodrich Approved, 3-0 @ 1:41*

Unfinished Business:

Phase V Bike Path: Mass DOT has turned over the bike path to the Town. Ribbon cutting will be held in the near future.

Mylec Road Design: No new information.

Ahimsa Haven: Next update due June 2016.

Wind Tower: There is no new information, emails have not been returned 2 months in a row.

Cumberland Farms: The ZBA granted all Special Permits and Variances for the project. The next step is site plan approval with the Planning Board. The time frame for this is not known but it is best to discuss the sale of the town garage and replacement thereof sooner rather than later.

Chief Smith was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the location and the particulars of the construction of the new town garage at the Fire Station.

Existing Garage: Issues remain regarding the storage of the equipment currently housed in the garage. Once the Police force moves into the new police station there will be adequate room to store the Emergency Management equipment and the antique firetruck in the old station.

However, there are random things being stored in the garage as well. Some of which can be auctioned as surplus equipment. Arrangements need to be made to clean out the structure.

Location: the location of the garage will be at the fire station where the training tower stands as that will be razed. Pavement exists to accommodate placement of the garage and provide access.

Time Frame/Building Type: Chief Smith expressed concern regarding the time frame that the garage will be need to be replaced and having Monty Tech students do the work. His concerns are the number of hours per day that work can be performed, teaching schedules, etc. as he had experience utilizing the students in Templeton and the project took quite a while. Chief Smith suggested looking into a prefabricated building. Chairman Connors expressed an understanding of the concern but felt that if storage of the items can be addressed that perhaps the timing could be worked out as he feels this project is highly visible and a great project for Monty Tech that will also benefit the town. He has had success utilizing the students on a Housing Authority garage.

Ingleside: WEC continues work on a warrant article for spring Town Meeting and outreach to townspeople regarding the article.

Chief Smith will compile cost estimates for a 32'x40' prefabricated structure for the next meeting. Chairman Connors will reach out to representatives of Monty Tech to set up an informational meeting.

State Appointment: No new update.

New Business:

Dog Park – A proposal was presented by Ms. Murphy from a citizen regarding the Authority constructing a Dog Park on the Webster Street parcel. *Motion to table the concept Goodrich/Casavant 4-0 Approved, @ 2:14.*

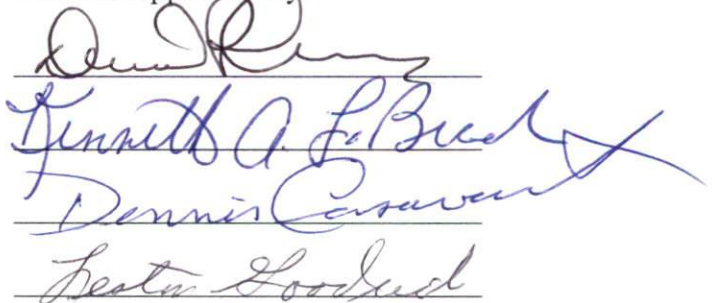
WRA staff support- Ms. Murphy informed the Authority that Ms. Sroczynski is not interested in continuing as Board Secretary/Financial manager for the Authority beyond the June 30, 2016 as discussed at the March 17 meeting with the Town Manager. Ken LaBrack stated that he didn't feel it would be practical that the Authority hire a consultant as suggested by the Town Manager. However, suggestions were made to ask Deb Skinner, Land Use Clerk/Asst. Town Clerk if she would be interested in the position currently served by Ms. Sroczynski. Chairman Connors will do so and report back at the next meeting.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: LaBrack/Casavant 4 – 0 Approved, @ 2:27pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Tracy Murphy

Minutes Approved By:


Dennis Connors
Kenneth A. LaBrack
Dennis Casavant
Beata Goodrich