

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK

Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes Regular Meeting Monday January 14, 2019 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: David Connor, Les Goodrich, Ken LaBrack, Mike Barbaro

Members Absent: Dennis Casavant

Others Present: Keith Hickey, Town Manager, Jenelle Sroczynski, Recording Secretary,

Tracy Murphy, Director of Development, Nicole Roberts, Land Use Clerk

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 12-10-2018 Regular Meeting Goodrich/LaBrack 3-0 Approved, @, 5:01pm.

Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoices for Jenelle Sroczynski and National Grid were approved. Motion to pay Jenelle Sroczynski and National Grid Goodrich/LaBrack 3-0 Approved, @5:01pm.

The Financial Reports were approved. Motion to approve Financial Reports LaBrack/Goodrich 3-0 Approved @, 5:02pm.

Unfinished Business:

Hillview Business Park Update: Mr. Hickey has spoken with the engineering firm, and representatives for the Mass Works Grant. The cultivation company is finalizing their plans. They may not be pursuing the original 100,000 square foot building, and may be interested in the smaller lot with hopes of smaller two story building. In order to apply for the Mass Works Grant, there needs to be a commitment to build. A meeting will be held in late January-early February to discuss modified plans. Efforts will be made to coordinate with the monthly WRA meeting. A company may be interested in the smaller 3 acre lot. They would be moving from Ashburnham. This would bode well for the Mass Works Grant as it would add jobs. Mr. Barbaro suggested if the Mass Works Grant is not an option, or if it is applied for and not received, the Authority forego rent for a 'few' years in order for the potential companies to develop the roadway. He feels it would show a level of commitment from the town to the project. The Authority will take it under advisement. The estimated road cost is 1-1.5 million, and will include the cul-de-sac. Mr. Grazewicz is still working on drainage issues. Ms.

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Murphy has spoken with Steve Cefolo regarding the solar development. The industry has been on the quiet side. Mr. Cefolo will reach out to his contacts.

Woodlawn Street/Deed Rider Issues: No update was provided.

Spring/Glenallen St. Park Updates: Mr. Hickey has signed the commitment for the landscape materials. Once spring arrives, work will commence. Mr. Connor had attended a meeting and will provide information regarding plug in stations for the parking lot. There is an incentive program though National Grid and costs may be reimbursable. He also suggested placing the stations at the YMCA parking lot as well, this may compliment the new Central Street design.

EcoEarth Recycling: Mr. Hollenbeck is still leasing space at Girards on a temporary basis. An eye will be kept on the situation.

Planning and Development: Ms. Murphy briefed the Authority that the Toy Town Partnership and the Community Economic Development Steering Committee has merged into the Toy Town Community Partnership. There are 9 full members and 2 alternates. Their first meeting will be in February.

Town Manager Issues:

None for this meeting.

New Business:

Ms. Roberts provided the Authority with information from the Johnny Appleseed Trail. She is promoting the Authority to become members and advertise in their brochure. 35,000 copies of the brochure are distributed, and there will be access to their calendar and website to advertise upcoming events in Winchendon. The Authority would like to be notified as to what is being included in the website and brochure. Motion to become a member and advertise in the brochure Goodrich/Barbaro 4-0 Approved @ 5:27pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Barbaro/Goodrich 4-0 Approved 5:28pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:29pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenelle Sroczynski Board Secretary Minutes Approved By: