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**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, December 16, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Michael Barbaro, Les Goodrich, Ken LaBrack

**Members Absent:** Garrett Wante, David Connor

**Others Present:** Bill McKinney, Town Manager, Nicole Roberts, Planning Coordinator, Jenelle Sroczyński, Recording Secretary.

**Meeting called to order:** 5:12 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 11-13-24 Regular Meeting Goodrich/LaBrack 3-0 Approved, @ 5:12pm.*

**Bills and Communications:**

The invoices for Jenelle Sroczyński, Belletetes, Graves Concrete, Mutual Designs NY Inc., WL French Excavating, Greg's Irrigation, Central Flag Pole and Flag, Uline, and CES were presented. Discussion ensued regarding the payments for the work at Beech Street Park. Mr. Barbaro stated he thinks the invoices should be paid out of Robinson-Broadhurst grant funds. Ms. Roberts checked with Town Accountant Katie Medina and confirmed there is \$39,400 in Robinson-Broadhurst funds. The Authority decided to pay all Beech Street Park invoices out of Robinson-Broadhurst funds. Ms. Roberts will process the warrant. *Motion to approve invoice for Jenelle Sroczyński Goodrich/LaBrack 3-0 Approved @ 5:14 pm.*

**Financial Reports:**

The financial reports were presented. *Motion to approve financial reports Goodrich/LaBrack 3-0 Approved @ 5:23 pm.*

**Public Comment:**

None were heard

**Unfinished Business:**

Hillview Business Park: Mr. Barbaro has had a conversation with Mr. Massa. Mr. Massa stated the estimated cost to construct the road needed is 3.2 million. This is over what was anticipated. Mr. Barbaro suggested a Mass Works Grant, and the Authority would pledge its

support. There is ledge on site, hence the increase in budget. Mr. Barbaro also suggested drilling for their own water source. Solar was also discussed as an option. 3 phase power is needed on site as well. Ms. Roberts stated the cannabis industry is saturated, and the Federal Government has not legalized it yet, so the issues remain ongoing.

Lincoln Ave. Parcel: No update was provided.

Beech Street Park:: The park is nearing completion. The plaques have been ordered. Trees, shrubs, and benches have been installed. A price for the water wheel is being worked on. Ms. Roberts inquired if the park will have a dedication ceremony. The park will be turned over to the town during the spring town meeting. The Authority thought a Christmas Tree would look nice as well. *Motion to plant Christmas Tree at Water Wheel Park, Goodrich/LaBrack, 3-0 Approved @ 5:37 pm.*

Webster Street: This items was not discussed. The Authority is questioning whether the parcel should be turned back over to the Town. Mr. Croteau will be consulted.

Willoughby Ave: Mr. Connor has reached out to Mr. Calder several times with no response. The Authority is willing to entertain a counter offer if one is presented.

**Planning & Development Updates:**

No update was provided.

**Town Manager Updates:**

No update was provided.

**New Business:**

Summer Street Property: Mr. Barbaro asked Mr. McKinney about the status of the property. It was suggested the property be turned over to the Authority at spring town meeting. The Authority then can begin the RFP process. Mr. McKinney will take this under advisement.

Next scheduled meeting is January 13, 2024.

**Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn: LaBrack/Goodrich 3– 0 Approved 5:58pm.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:59pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jenelle Sroczynski  
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:

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