



Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday December 11, 2014
MH Parks Building Front Street & 2nd Floor Auditorium Room

Members Present: Kenneth LaBrack, Beth Hunt, Dennis Casavant,

Members Absent: Sheila Donofrio, David Connor

Others Present: Gerald White; Grants Administrator; Jenelle Sroczynski; Finance Manager, Tracy Murphy, Planning Agent, Mr. Brouillette; Resident

Meeting called to order: 3:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 11-13-2014 regular meeting, LaBrack/Casavant Approved 3-0, @3:41 pm, and Motion to approve the minutes of the 11-19-2014 special meeting Casavant/LaBrack Approved 2-0, 1 abstention @ 3:41 pm.

Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoices for Colonial Co-operative Bank, Lafortune, Oldach, & Glenney, and Tighe & Bond were approved. *Motion to pay Colonial Co-operative Bank, Lafortune, Oldach, & Glenney, and Tighe and Bond LaBrack/Casavant Approved 3-0 @ 3:43 pm.*

Financial Reports:

The financial reports were approved. *Motion to approve Financial Reports Casavant/LaBrack Approved 3-0 @ 3:45 pm*

Town Manager Issues:

None for this meeting

Unfinished Business:

Phase V Bike Path: Bid date is December 16, 2014. UMass students found Bike Path an important piece in their study. Mrs. Murphy will put presentation on Town web page.

Wind Tower: Mr. White met with Vincent of Wind Energy group. They have spoken with Mylec and MacPrototype to sell power. Another meeting is scheduled with NEWW and Saloom furniture for next week.

Front Street Landscaping: This will remain a work in progress.

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Mylec Road Design: Design is complete. Mr. White to contact Mr. Lapierriere next week and see if he has any road information.

Ahimsa Haven: No new information for this meeting

River Street Property: No new information.

50 Franklin Street: Mr. Bator should be returning from his deployment. All town Boards are satisfied with progress on site clean-up.

Vine Street: Attorneys are handling eviction. Mr. White is waiting to hear from them.

Stuff N Things: Counter offer was denied. No new information.

Cumberland Farms: P&S is extended. Cumberland's is in diligence period. This current extension expires 12-17-2014.

Tax Taking Procedures: Still waiting to see if there will be any conveyances before properties are bundled and auctioned off. Town is still working with DOR. Approximately 1.1 million to be sold off.

Ahimsa Haven: Board members could not make it for this meeting. Will try and schedule for January meeting. Designs are complete. Ahimsa would still like to build in Winchendon.

Ingleside: WEC is working on grant applications. Winchendon School's BOD meets in January. Will update them as to progress of project. Open Space Plan is in progress. Once approved it is valid for 5 years. Mr. Deline is working on intersection of Hall Road and Spring Street. School may be interested in a swap for town work to acquire Ingleside.

New Business:

CDBG Application, FY 15:

Mr. White briefed the Authority on the FY 15 CDBG Application. He related that the Town was going to apply for \$900,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program for the fiscal year of 2015 with the application due in February. He stated off by briefing the Board and attendees of the program in general as to its parameters for application. He related that the Community Development Citizens Group had met previously concerning this perspective application. The very aggressive group had discussed previous projects such as Prospect Street, Emerald Street and the housing rehab projects just to name a few. They talked about the recent application for Walnut Street and the fact that it had been denied in the FY 14 round. They further discussed all available projects and what would benefit the Town the most. They had come up with focusing on the short connector roadways that were located within the Target Area as well as the Downtown Slum & Blight area and possibly housing rehab. Vaine Street was a possible project as well and this was briefed to the Board as well as a possible estimate on the roadway. One attendee was from Vaine Street and he related that while he would like to have his street worked on, he would prefer to wait until the Town decided whether or not to extend the sewer lines up his road which is almost 1,500 feet long. He was told that other meetings had discussed Vaine Street, but that its length put it over budget. It would have to be done in phases and currently the improvements only included replacing what is there now and that was only water lines, drainage, streets and curbs. He referred the gentleman to the DPW Director to discuss the future of sewer on Vaine Street and that Vaine Street would remain in the pool of possible projects for CDBG applications. The Board was asked what their thoughts were on the narrowing of possible projects to the downtown connector roadways. It was discussed that the area depicted by the ensuing discussion was one of dire need and that any improvement would be a welcomed site not only for the improvement of the blighted area, but the low-to-moderate income folks that live on these roadways or travel them to reach the center of the downtown district. It was noted by Mr. White that there will be several more public briefings and a public hearing before the

application would be complete and submitted. He invited the Board and attendees to watch the Town's posting areas and the Town website for posting of future briefings and meetings.

The Board thanked Mr. White and the attending body for the briefing and their interest and input into Winchendon's community development efforts for the future.

It was asked if there were any other items needing discussed and if not, a motion to adjourn would be entertained.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: LaBrack/Casavant 3-0 Approved. 4:38pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:



