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Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes **Regular Meeting** **Thursday March 17, 2016** **4th Floor Conference Room**

Members Present: David Connor, Les Goodrich, Kenneth LaBrack

Members Absent: Dennis Casavant

Others Present: Tracy Murphy; Director of Development, Jenelle Sroczynski; Finance Manager, Keith Hickey, Town Manager

Meeting called to order: 1:33p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2-11-2016 Regular Meeting Goodrich/LaBrack 3-0 Approved, @ 1:33 pm.

Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoice for Colonial Co-operative Bank was approved. *Motion to pay Colonial Co-operative Bank Goodrich/LaBrack 3-0 Approved @ 1:34. Ms. Sroczynski presented Athol Savings Bank signature cards. Mr. Casavant will need to sign upon his return. 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 @ 1:38.*

Town Manager Issues:

Mr. Hickey was present at meeting to inform WRA his operating budget is now funding Ms. Murphy's and Ms. Sroczynski's positions through the general fund. This change affects the Authority. As of July 1, 2016 Ms. Murphy and Ms. Sroczynski will no longer be providing support and will not be regularly attending the monthly meetings of the WRA. Ms. Murphy will be available on an "as needed" basis. Mr. Hickey suggested the Authority start looking for a part time consultant to hire, or assume responsibilities.

Unfinished Business:

Phase V Bike Path: Concerns over expanding new parking lot were discussed. Parking area for new phase does not appear to be adequate. Mrs. Boucher may have remaining RB funds for expansion costs. Mr. Hickey asked the Authority to deed the parking lot parcel back to the

Town. *Motion to deed parcel back to Town contingent upon approval of the Board of Selectmen Goodrick/LaBrack 3-0 Approved @ 1:57 pm.*

Mylec Road Design: No new information.

Ahimsa Haven: Next update due June 2016.

Wind Tower: There is no new information.

Cumberland Farms: ZBA meeting with Cumberland Farms went well. Special Permit with no conditions was granted for the sign. Variance for nonconforming was withdrawn.

Variance was granted for stacking. Things are progressing. Ms. Murphy took an inventory of the items in garage. She feels there will be ample storage in the bay of the police station, the fire station, and the Senior Center for various items so the Authority does not incur rent costs.

Tax Taking Procedures: There is concern over the Authority not receiving properties for resale as this is the only source of income. Authority will be meeting with the BOS in April to discuss options.

Ingleside: WEC is working on a warrant article for spring Town Meeting. May be in best interest of Town for Authority to own the land. Could be more flexible in terms of maintenance and development. Mr. LaBrack stated there is funding available for projects but hands are tied as Town does not have ownership of property so grants can't be applied for.

State Appointed: No new update.

New Business:

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: LaBrack/Goodrich 3-0 Approved 2:42pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczyński
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:

