



## Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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### Minutes Regular Meeting Thursday January 8, 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium Room

**Members Present:** David Connor, Kenneth LaBrack, Dennis Casavant

**Members Absent:** Sheila Donofrio, Beth Hunt

**Others Present:** Gerald White; Grants Administrator; Jenelle Sroczynski; Finance Manager, Marjorie Twirala; Ahimsa Haven, Sarah Ronfede; Ahimsa Haven

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

#### Approval of Minutes:

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 12-11-2014 regular meeting, LaBrack/Casavant  
Approved 3-0, @3:39 pm.*

#### Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoices for Colonial Co-operative Bank, Stonebridge Press, and Tighe and Bond were approved. *Motion to pay Colonial Co-operative Bank, Stonebridge Press, and Tighe and Bond LaBrack/Casavant Approved 2-0, 1 abstention @ 3:41 pm.*

#### Financial Reports:

The financial reports were approved. *Motion to approve Financial Reports LaBrack/Casavant Approved 3-0 @ 3:44 pm*

#### Town Manager Issues:

None for this meeting

#### Unfinished Business:

Phase V Bike Path: Bid process is complete. Construction to begin in March or April. Wilson Trucking from Greenfield received construction award. 1.7 million below budget. The next phase is Glenallen Street to Gardner Road.

Wind: Mr. White is still working with Vincent. Drawings are still being worked on. There may be up to 30 clients to off load power to. Mr. White is still setting up appointments with potential customers. It is a 20 year commitment.

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

Mylec Road Design: Design is complete. Mr. White is waiting on a response from Mr. Lapierrier. There is no final plan from Mr. Hannigan. Mr. White will keep on top of progress.

Ahimsa Haven: See new business.

River Street Property: Mr. White received email from Mr. Maybardy. Army Corps of Engineers may want to rent land. Mr. Maybardy is waiting to see what will become of situation.

50 Franklin Street: Mr. Bator should be returning from his deployment. Mr. White to inquire as to Mr. Bator's status and remind him of payment agreement.

Vine Street: Letter was sent and signed off on. Eviction is set for 2-1-2015. The actual eviction may not take place until April if legal proceedings follow.

Stuff N Things: Mr. Morin had one showing and a second is scheduled. Potential buyers are from Athol. Not sure of intentions of buyers.

Cumberland Farms: Extension is complete. New date is 2-17-2015. Environmental issues are being worked on.

Tax Taking Procedures: Mr. White has not has meeting with Jim. Mr. White is still trying to understand process. More information to follow.

Ingleside: Meeting was cancelled. WEC planning on meeting with Winchendon School next week. Project is still being worked on.

Gerry White Stipend: No resolution with Town Accountant yet.

#### **New Business:**

Ahimsa Haven: Two representatives were in attendance. They apologized for the lack of communication. Ahimsa was concerned when the town regionalized the ACO. It left them with no animals to run their facility. They were looking for a "home" and when the facility in Templeton opened up they decided to move. Ahimsa is still very interested in the Winchendon property. They have been working diligently to reorganize their Board of Directors. They are also working on fund raising efforts. The Authority is glad for the update and would like to see them a couple of times a year for a progress report. The Authority also told them about the Robinson Broadhurst grants, Monty Tech program, and mobile home option. Ahimsa is planning on returning in June 2015 for an update.

CDBG Application, FY 15:

Mr. White briefed the Authority on the FY 15 CDBG Application and the EDF Application. Both applications are being worked on now.

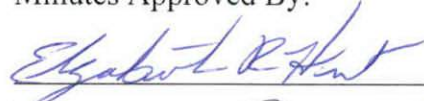


Land Donation: Mr. Joe Ladeau would like to donate a portion of the rail bed to the Authority. There is some concern about a contaminated well. Authority will take under advisement.

**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:

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