

Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes Regular Meeting Thursday April 9, 2015 2nd Floor Auditorium Room

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

Members Absent: Sheila Donofrio

Others Present: Gerald White; Grants Administrator; Jenelle Sroczynski; Finance Manager,

Tracy Murphy; Planning Agent, David Koonce; Conservation Agent.

Meeting called to order: 3:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 3-12-2015 Regular Meeting Casavant/LaBrack 3-0 Approved@ 3:32 pm. Motion to approve the minutes of the 3-31-2015 Special Meeting LaBrack/Casavant 3-0 Approved @ 3:33 pm.

Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoices for Colonial Co-operative Bank, LaFortune & Glenny, & Tighe & Bond were approved. Motion to pay Colonial Co-operative Bank, LaFortune & Glenny, and Tighe & Bond Casavant/LaBrack Approved 3-0, @ 3:34 pm.

Financial Reports:

The financial reports were approved. Motion to approve Financial Reports Casavant/LaBrack Approved 3-0 @ 3:37 pm

Town Manager Issues:

None for this meeting

Unfinished Business:

Phase V Bike Path: Dig Safe has been contacted. Ready to break gound. NTP is needed. Contractor wants to start immediately. Trimming and erosion control will be the first tasks accomplished. Contractor is hoping for a November completion.

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

Mylec Road Design: Design is complete. Mrs. Murphy to handle meeting with Mr. Berndt and Mr. Hannigan.

Ahimsa Haven: Authority expects progress report in June.

Wind Tower: Final contract is needed. Authority is only in receipt of the draft form. Also, would like to see agreement with potential customers. *Motion to extend Wind Tower Project with David Connor to sign all paperwork and Ken LaBrack to sign in Mr. Connor's absence Hunt/Casavant 4-0 Approved @ 4:17 pm.*

River Street Property: Still on hold with Army Corps of Engineers. Conservation Agent is trying to get some information.

50 Franklin Street: Mr. White to write letter to Mr. Bator. Authority wants payment or to start eviction process.

Vine Street: Closing is slated fo 4/13/2015 at 3pm. Final sales price is \$25,000. Stuff N Things: No 3rd offer. Financing has fallen through. There is no information on counter offer.

Cumberland Farms: Another extension is being presented. *Motion to extend P&S Hunt/Casavant 4-0 Approved @ 4:28 pm.*

Tax Taking Procedures: No new information. Town is unsure when auctioning of properties will be.

Ingleside: No new information. A meeting with the Winchendon School has been schedules. John Deline is willing to help with road design. He would act as a non paid consultant. Gerry White Stipend: No resolution with Town Accountant yet.

New Business:

Mr. Koonce is present to brief the Authority. He has been working closely with a researcher from Harvard University. The researcher has found the 3rd and 4th oldest tress is MA. Mr. Koonce is looking for some permanent protection for the area of land these trees are located in. The trees are Black Gum and Red Maple species. The Authority owns a piece of land that would be included in the protection zone. Authority is concerned about the rite a way to Bemis Road. Other than that concern the Authority is amicable to the idea. Also discussed was the possibility of receiving money for the land, connecting the bike path, and a possible trail easement with Wind Tower project. And ANR will have to be completed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Hunt/Casavant 4-0 Approved. 4:34pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenelle Sroczynski Board Secretary

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