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Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes **Regular Meeting** **Thursday May 12, 2016** **4th Floor Conference Room**

Members Present: David Connor, Les Goodrich, Kenneth LaBrack, Dennis Casavant

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczynski, Finance Manager; Norman Norcross, Resident; Lorraine Fortungo, Garden Club President; Cheryl Gerovinue, Garden Club Member

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 4-14-2016 Regular Meeting Goodrich/Casavant 4-0 Approved, @ 1:31 pm. Motion to approve the minutes of the 4-25-2016 special meeting LaBrack/Casavant 4-0 Approved @1:32 pm.

Bills, Communication and Financials:

The invoice for Colonial Co-operative Bank was approved. *Motion to pay Colonial Co-operative Bank LaBrack/Casavant 4-0 Approved @ 1:33*

The financial reports were approved. *Motion to approve Financial Reports Approved 4-0 @ 1:36.*

Town Manager Issues:

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Murphy had status handout ready for meeting.

Phase V Bike Path: Ribbon cutting scheduled for June 18, 2016 at 1:00. Authority members are planning on attending.

Mylec Road Design: MRPC is conducting a road feasibility/building study. Conservation is still looking for 35 acres to keep in conservation. Mr. Connor feels there will be approximately 20 acres to build. Should have study for next meeting.

Ahimsa Haven: Will be invited to June 2016 meeting for update and to present information of potential partnership.

Wind Tower: Ms. Murphy received word from Mr. Mochella that there may be a partnership in the works. May have more information next month.

Cumberland Farms: Chief Smith contacted one company with no response and had no time to contact more. Ms. Murphy still has cost estimates from previous builders. Mr. Connor spoke with Mr. Gould and he will try and secure a meeting with Mr. Hatch of Monty Tech to check on availability of students for projects. Intent is to pay off Colonial Cooperative Loan with proceeds from Cumberland Farms. Chief Smith would like to know the possibility of a larger building to house tanker truck and dive truck. Ms. Murphy is available to help with planning and zoning requirements.

Tax Taking Procedures: Authority met with Selectmen on April 25, 2016. BOS seemed agreeable to giving some properties to Authority. Authority can also partake in auction with parcels no longer wanted.

Ingleside: Mr. LaBrack has written letters to the editors of the Gardner News and Winchendon Courier encouraging citizens to support the project. Town Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2016 and outcome will be known.

State Appointed: Mr. Connor is still going through background check. No progress to date.

New Business:

Mr. Connor reached out to Deb Skinner to ask if she would be interested in the position with the Authority. The Authority would be moving the meeting time to accommodate Ms. Skinner's schedule. Authority members feel it's important to have someone in Town Hall do the work. Mr. Connor to speak with Mr. Hickey regarding how to handle compensation. Mr. Connor will work on job description.

Lorraine Fortungo was present on behalf of the Garden Club. She was curious as to who is responsible for the maintenance of Clyde's Garden. Mr. Connor explained that former Garden Club President Margaret Paston approached the Authority to plant a garden and maintain it. She would match out of her personal funds and contributions the Authority could make. The garden has been planted, however the new members of the Garden Club are reluctant to maintain it. There was a suggestion of maybe organizing some younger volunteers to help. The Authority was also generous in stating if there is a small expense to incur ie mulch or a shrub, if they could fund it they would. The Garden Club would just need permission first.

Mr. Norm Norcross was present to speak to the conditions of 60 Franklin Street. He would like to make sure the new businesses in town have a "fair shake" to get their operations up and running. It was explained that Mr. Blanchard is the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Mr. Connor to speak with Planning and Zoning Boards regarding 60 Franklin Street.

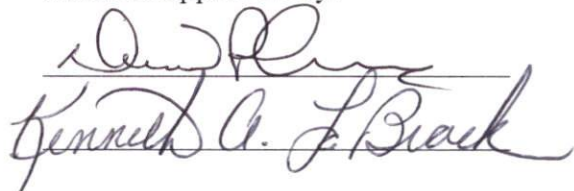
School Street Property: Ms. Murphy was contacted by a realtor who expressed interest in a possible sale of the property. *Motion to sell School Street Property for \$35,000 contingent upon it being sold as one parcel along with the restaurant Goodrich/Casavant 4-0 Approved @ 2:45 pm.*

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: LaBrack/Casavant 4-0 Approved 2:46pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 2:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczyński
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. LaBrack", written over a horizontal line.

Leah Loeckel
