



Winchendon Redevelopment Authority

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Minutes **Special Meeting** **Monday May 11, 2020** **Via Zoom**

Members Present: David Connor, Les Goodrich, Ken LaBrack
Members Absent: Mike Barbaro, Dennis Casavant

Others Present: Keith Hickey, Town Manger, Tracy Murphy, Director of Development,
Jenelle Sroczyński, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm. By Remote Participation

New Business:

Mr. Goodrich briefed the Authority on the prospect of initializing a grant opportunity for local businesses affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. The idea was derived from the Fitchburg, MA Redevelopment Authority. This grant would help mitigate the state program which has been exhausted. The intention would be for a quicker application/turn around process. Mr. LaBrack questioned whether this would be a true grant or something that would need to be paid back. The Fitchburg model is a no payback grant. The Authority could always structure the grant as they wanted. Mr. Connor's concern is the Authority's revenue stream is non-existent and there may be a need for roadway funding at Hillview Business Park. The Authority would like to have a policy/procedure in place before making a decision. *Motion to table this agenda item until next scheduled meeting Connor/LaBrack 3-0 Approved @ 5:16 pm.*

Mr. Hickey had a question regarding the proceeds the Authority received from the sale of the garage behind town hall. Mr. Connor explained the proceeds were used to pay off the line of credit the Authority had outstanding for development purposes at Hillview Business Park. The Authority has received a notice from Athol Savings Bank for inactivity on the account established for security deposits. Mr. Goodrich to sign form to keep account active, and the Authority will maintain the rental agreement with food vendors at the bike path.

Ms. Murphy briefed the Authority regarding the sale of School Street parcel. There is a sewer betterment issue that is being worked out with the Collector's office.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: LaBrack /Connor 3-0 Approved 5:20pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczyński
Board Secretary

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