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Minutes Regular Meeting Monday, June 26, 2023 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: David Connor, Les Goodrich, Mike Barbaro, Ken LaBrack, Garrett Wante

Members Absent:

Others Present: Justin Sultzbach, Town Manager, Jenelle Sroczynski, Recording Secretary, Jane LaPointe, Citizen

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 5-22-23 Regular Meeting Goodrich/Barbaro 5-0 Approved @ 5:00 pm.

Bills and Communications:

The invoices for Bartlett Consolidated and Jenelle Sroczynski were presented. *Motion to pay Bartlett Consolidated and Jenelle Sroczynski, Goodrich/Barbaro 5-0 Approved @ 5:01 pm.*

Financial Reports:

The financial reports were presented. *Motion to approve the financial reports Wante/Barbaro 5-0 Approved @ 5:02 pm.* Ms. Sroczynski informed the Authority two donation checks for the flag project were received and have been deposited. The Authority will be the pass through, and funds will be turned over to the town account that is already established, and invoices will be paid through there.

Motion to take agenda items out of order Barbaro/Wante 5-0 Approved @ 5:06pm.

New Business:

Toy Project Update: Mr. LaBrack informed the Authority that he is in receipt of a letter from Robinson-Broadhurst approving the change in the scope of work from the initial large toy project to the Beech Street park initiative. There will now be an additional \$35,000 to add to the established \$50,000. The Authority would like to see a water wheel installed to pay hom-

age to the Town's history of water power. This will be a work in progress as wheel would have to be placed on the left side, and there may be issues with capping the site depending on what the soil test results show. Mr. LaBrack is seeking information from Mr. O'Neil on the history of water power. Ms. Sroczynski inquired if the grant monies will be filtered through the Authority's checking account. It was decided the funding will be deposited, and bills will be paid through the Authority. The requests for funding will be sent to Robinson-Broadhurst in the near future.

Motion to return to unfinished business Barbaro/Goodrich 5-0 Approved @ 5:21 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Hillview Business Park: Mr. Sultzbach informed the Authority he has reached out to Mr. Massa as he is interested in the parcel below. There is no update on the existing project. The best case scenario is there will be minimal site work done before winter. The sub-division has been approved. The site plan has not been approved. The road can be developed. Ms. Roberts is in charge of planning and zoning and will be the point of contact for this aspect of the project. Mr. LaBrack will meet with new Town Manager to brief on this project.

Lincoln Ave.: The town is still moving forward with its plans to take the property. Mr. Sultzbach stated this process will take about a year. There are no updates on the old landfill.

Beech Street: Mr. Sultzbach informed the Authority the soil test report just came back. The results were not as bad as originally thought. The cost estimation will be worked on. The same company is working on 4 Summer Drive currently, and Beech Street will be next on the list.

Webster Street: The town was awarded a \$488,000 grant to clean up and extend the bike path to Jackson Ave. The work will begin in late summer to early fall. Belletetes may have to move a fence, and Winchendon Furniture may have to grant an easement. Mr. Sultzbach does not anticipate an issue as they have both been great community partners. Stone dust will be used on this portion of the path,

Community Park: Mr. LaBrack stated the grand opening was a huge success and a great day.

Town Manager Updates:

This is Mr. Sultzbach's last meeting with the Authority. He stated it was a pleasure working with everyone. He will leave a comprehensive list for the interim town manager and encourage members to reach out if there are any questions or issues.

Ms. Lapointe inquired what the role is of the Toy Town Partnership. This is an issue for the new town manager.

Planning & Development Updates:

No update was provided

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: Goodrich/Barbaro 5-0 Approved 5:40pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 5:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczynski
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:
