

Town of East Hampton
Brownfields Redevelopment Agency
Monday, February 27, 2017
Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
East Hampton High School T-Bell

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Carla Sylvester, Scott Bristol, Kay Willson, Daniel Wolfram, Mary Ann Dostaler

Absent: William DeMore

Call to Order: Chairperson Sylvester called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Bristol made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolfram, to adopt the agenda. Voted 5-0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, December 19, 2016: Mr. Bristol made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Wolfram. Voted 4-0-1 in favor, with Ms. Dostaler abstaining.

Public Comment: None

Staff Reports: None

Brownfields Agency Liaison Reports: Ms. Dostaler noted that at the last Town Council meeting there was a report from the Town Manager about the Town taking ownership of the building at 1 Watrous St. to offset the Town's expense for removing the water tower. A council member asked if there was an opportunity for the Town to not accept ownership through the court, to which the Town Manager said there possibly was. Other council members stated that they want the Town to enforce the blight ordinance immediately. Ms. Dostaler remarked that she hopes for better communication from the Town with the Brownfields Agency, since this is the agency that should have been brought into the discussion. She requested a full appraisal from Mr. Maniscalco regarding the situation and its implications. She also stated that it is unacceptable that there was no communication regarding the building and that she is disappointed that the Agency receives no staff reports. Mr. Bristol stated that he would be in touch with Mr. Maniscalco regarding the Agency's questions and will update the rest of the Agency members.

Continued Business:

DECD STEAP Grant (13 Watrous Street): Chairperson Sylvester reported that the water is still flowing at the site. Weise initially hesitated to provide a proposal to work on the water situation, but they have since provided a cost estimate. She commented that it needs to be known if they are legally allowed to access the pond as the plan is to block the outlet with sand bags, install a pump to pump, remove the debris (noted that the debris need to be moved offsite), make sure the flow is stopped and if so, then install a pipe plug on the Watrous site and backfill the stone structure with concrete. The estimate is for \$5,600.00. It was noted that this is a similar approach to what was attempted in November but they did not use sand bags at that time. It was asked what the contingency plan is if this does not work. Discussion occurred on the role of Anchor in receiving the cost estimate from Weise and being more proactive toward this situation.

Chairperson Sylvester also stated that there is an industrial water supply well on the property that they could not properly abandon, so they are working with the health department on how to abandon it. There is a collapsed wall in the underground vault of the well and it has collected debris. Site fencing and the need to fix it was discussed as well.

Next steps include that the scope needs to be figured out in reference to PCB soil remediation. Discussion also occurred on the amount left in the grant and the timeline. Chairperson Sylvester will ask for the reports that he has sent to the State and a budget update.

New Business: Ms. Dostaler asked for a status update on 10 Summit Street and what is happening with that property since the structure fire.

Public Comment (pertaining to current agenda items only): None

Confirm next meeting (March 27, 2017): Confirmed – Meeting will be held at the High School.

Adjournment: Mr. Bristol moved and Ms. Willson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Voted 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti
Recording Clerk