

# **TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

Monday, October 26, 2020

Regular Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

East Hampton Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Vice Chairperson William DeMore, Ryan Baldassario, Scott Bristol (dial in call), Kay Willson and Chairman Brian Corvo and Town Manager David Cox.

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Chairman Corvo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** *Mr. Baldassario moved, and Mr. DeMore seconded to adopt the agenda with no changes. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *Ms. Willson moved, and Mr. DeMore seconded to approve of the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting revised minutes with no changes. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Welcome New Member:** Ryan Baldassario joined the agency. He gave a brief background along with the other members.

**Public Comment:** None

**Town Staff Reports:** This will be addressed in the continued business items.

### **Continued Business:**

- a) **Discussion of 1 Watrous Street:** Last week, the town was notified by the CT Brownfields Landbank that the environmental contractor found PCB's at 170 ppm in the upper 2 feet of soil. This was found from test borings where the old railroad spur would have been. It was located between the building and Starr Auto. There were no other PCB's found elsewhere on the property. The contractor would dig deeper into the soil and test for more PCB's. The borings were taken on September 22 and the results takes fourteen days. The CT Brownfields Landbank is getting proposals from the contractor for additional testing. There were 14 boring test spots inside the building and 11 were performed outside the building. A hazardous materials test was performed but no results have been turned over. If the soil is removed within 90 days of testing it does not need to be reported. It was suggested to maybe use some remaining money from the 13 Watrous project to dig up more soil. The tall old windows are on the block part of the building not the brick section on the same side as the contaminated soil. It was suggested that the members check with Jeremy DeCarli whether the results from the test borings have been sent to the town. There has been no reply yet from EPA for the project.

- b) **Discussion of 13 Watrous Street/ DECD STEAP Grant:** The last removals were completed, and Public Works put the temporary fill on the sediment sites until a decision has been reached. The state is looking to close out the grant, but the agency members are holding a retainage since no results have been received from Sumco. Sumco stopped doing work for the project and let go of the person dealing with the project. The last batch of soil wasn't paid for and Charter Oak wasn't paid by Sumco. The retainage amount for Sumco is \$8,700. The members suggested having the Town Attorney have a talk with Sumco about reaching a conclusion or resolution.
- c) **Discussion of 3 Walnut Avenue:** There is no new information for this topic.

**New Business (a & b combined):** Mr. Corvo talked with Barbara Moore and Kevin Reich about joining other commission's projects. Maybe the agency could reconnect with the EDC in the future since the Brownfields Agency is an off shoot of the EDC. The Brownfields Agency is specialized enough to be independent but could still reconnect with EDC. The members should come up with a presentation for the Town Council. There are 2 parts of a presentation already finished for the Chamber of Commerce from years ago that could be used. The presentation will be worked on and more research will be conducted.

**Confirm Next Meeting November 23, 2020- Location to be determined:** The next meeting has been confirmed.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Ms. Willson, seconded by Mr. Baldassario, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk