

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

Monday, March 22, 2021

Regular Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Kay Willson, Scott Bristol, Brian Corvo, Ryan Baldassario, Brandon Goff, and Virginia Yenkner.

Absent: William DeMore

Call to Order: Chairman Corvo called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Adoption of the Agenda: *A motion was made by Mr. Baldassario, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adopt the agenda with no changes. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Ms. Willson, seconded by Mr. Baldassario, to approve of the February 22nd, 2021 regular meeting minutes with the change to Continued Business for 1 Watrous. The sentence should read "The property's past was researched. It had been referred to as the Former Clark & Watrous Company property. It will now only be known as 1 Watrous. The Former Clark & Watrous Co. was located on Main Street. There will be a page for 1 Watrous on the Brownfields Redevelopment Agency section of the town website and 3 reports will be made publicly available." Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Public Comment: None

Welcome New Member- Virginia Yenkner: The members welcomed the new member of the commission Virginia Yenkner. The members decided to do introductions in person.

Town Staff Reports: None. There is a bi-weekly Town Manager's report that is posted to the town's website.

Continued Business:

- a. **Discussion of 1 Watrous Street:** The CT Brownfields Land Bank provided the preliminary cost estimate for the fully remediation of the property. The remediation cost estimate includes the removal of hazardous substances within the building and the grounds of the property. The PCBs were found primarily in one area and is not spread throughout the site. Most of the hazardous materials were located under the slab of the building and can be sealed under the concrete to keep from contaminating other areas. The cost of the remediation would be between \$479,000 to \$587,000. An RFQ is being drafted to enlist interest in the redevelopment of the property. The update on the property was in the Town Manager's report for the March 5th Town Council meeting.

b. Discussion of 13 Watrous Street/DECD STEAP Grant

a. Status Update and Sumco Report: Sumco has a rough draft of an incomplete report. There were PCBs found in ground water and soil samples that sent red flags out. The Town and Chatham Health were sent out to test the wells in that area for volatile contaminants. State wants the wells sampled to determine which needs work. There is no knowledge of which wells along Watrous Street are connected to the town system. There has been no traction with Chatham Health about the wells. There is no ideal information from Sumco about the PCBs at 13 Watrous to send any report to the state.

c. Discussion of 3 Walnut Avenue

b. Inquiry about use of property: The town received questions about the use of the property by the Garden Club and the Rotary Club to turn the property into a community garden. The Town Council is looking to turn the property into parking for the Village Center. There would be environmental issues about having the property as a community garden.

Presentation to Town Council

a. Thank you all for help and feedback and information: The presentation about the agency to the Town Council happened 2 weeks ago. The power point was fine tuned and polished. The presentation went well, and the Council members asked a couple questions. There were articles in the Rivereast and another newspaper about the presentation to the Council members. It was suggested to put the power point on the commission's page on the town website for the public to read through.

b. Went Well – Middletown Press Article

Outreach to Other Agencies etc.: Reach out to other "sister" planning agencies and work with other commissions on properties in town. It was suggested to investigate how to get other commissions involved in rehabilitating another property to benefit the community and the local businesses. Another suggestion was to send emails out to each commission in town to get the conversation started. It was also suggested to get Jeremy DeCarli more involved with the Brownfields agency. There should be more solid plan and another project in sights to start reaching out to the other commissions. The members will be thinking of ideas for the next meeting.

New Business: It was suggested to follow up with the Town Manager about the state letter for 1 Watrous.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Bristol, seconded by Ms. Yenknner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Voted 6-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk