

# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

Monday, April 26, 2021

Regular Meeting- 7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

## Minutes

**Present:** Kay Willson, Scott Bristol (arrived at 7:03 P.M.), Brian Corvo, Ryan Baldassario, Brandon Goff, William DeMore and Virginia Yenknor.

**Absent:** None

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

**Adoption of the Agenda:** *A motion was made by Mr. DeMore, seconded by Mr. Baldassario, 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 March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 5-1 in favor with Mr. DeMore abstaining.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Residency Question / Board Membership:** Chairman Corvo is planning on selling his house and building his next house. He stated that he may not be living in East Hampton for 6-8 months during that process. It is stated in the by-laws that the members of the commission must be electors of the town. Chairman Corvo won't be able to make the May and June meetings. He proposed electing a new chairman at the July meeting.

**Town Staff Reports:** The town budget is out to the Town Council and will go through the process. The referendum for the budget would be held in June. The RFP document will be partnered with the town to develop the properties at 1 and 13 Watrous Street. Discussions are being held about bringing water into the town and along the Route 66 corridor.

### Continued Business:

- a. **Discussion of 1 Watrous Street:** The town has received the CT Brownfields Landbank estimated cost of cleaning the building and the grounds at about \$550,000. There has been some interest with partnering with the town for the Watrous properties. Planning and Zoning and the Land Use department are the deciding factors on what the properties would be best used for.

- b. Discussion of 13 Watrous Street/DECD STEAP Grant:** There is no information regarding the status of closing out the project and the grant for the property. The LEP went out of business and could not finish the report for the state. The wells within the area are being tested for PCB's and other contaminants by Chatham Health.
- c. Discussion of 3 Walnut Avenue:** There have been no further interest in the property. One idea for the property would be as a parking lot for the Village Center.

In the area of St. Clements there are some easements and preliminary permits from the state to establish a couple of wells by the shoreline to potentially provide the town with 500,000 to 900,000 gallons of water to a system owned by the town. There were some brief discussions with the property owners about possible town owned land to be moved out of their viewpoints for the St. Clements properties so as not to impede on their buildings and grounds. DEEP and DPH has helped with the financial aspect of the project. DPH wants to address the quality and quantity of the water going through the Route 66 corridor.

**Outreach to other Agencies etc.:** The Chairman plans to make some phone calls starting next week to other planning agencies for preliminary discussions. It was suggested to include Jeremy DeCarli in the discussions with the other agencies.

**New Business:** Art companies and/or artisans could use the brownfield buildings as their studio and workplaces. They could bring employees, job opportunities, awareness of the town, and possibly more tourists or visitors to the town. The opportunities could bring more to the community and the citizens. Other ideas for the space and/or properties could be for farmer's markets and possible food trucks for the area.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Ms. Yenker, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk