

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2021

6:30 PM

Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room #201 and via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Chairman Brian Corvo, Kay Willson, Virginia Yenkner, Ryan Baldassario, Darlene Raffanello, William DeMore, and Victoria Man with Town Manager David Cox.

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Corvo called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. virtual meeting via zoom.

Adoption of Agenda: *A motion was made by Ms. Man, seconded by Ms. Willson, to adopt the agenda with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Ms. Man, seconded by Ms. Willson, to approve of the February 28th 2022 meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Public Comment: None

Town Staff Reports

- a. **Liaison Reports:** The Town Manager's report is posted on the Town's website.

Continued Business

- a. **Discussion of 1 Watrous Street:** Defer to later in the meeting.
- b. **Discussion of 13 Watrous Street:** Defer to later in the meeting.
- c. **Discussion of 3 Walnut Avenue:** Defer to later in the meeting.
- d. **Discussion of 13 Summit Street:** Defer to later in the meeting.

3 Walnut Avenue – Detailed Discussion (1-2) year plan: The members discussed a 1-2 year plan for the property. In the past, the Town utilized two Small Cities Community Black Grants. One grant was used to demolish buildings on site. The second grant was used to demolish the water tower and remaining buildings on the property. The only existing structure remaining on the property is the pump house. There is a dam on the property, but there is no confirmation whether it is considered historic. The dam isn't on diagrams or included on any of the documents. The members questioned the age of the dam since there are no records. It was suggested that the dam was from the bell factory property. A power point will be made about the dam with all available information. The phase 3 and remediation wasn't completed for the

property. The members suggested using a grant to finish what's remaining for the project and an investigation grant for the dam. There needs to be a structure integrity test performed on the dam as well. There was no hazardous material assessment performed on the property. It was in the second phase of money for the project. The members also needs the dredge reports and documents of removal of ast and closure from the town files. The members decided a remediation grant would be best to help clean the property. The members discussed looking for more grants to help further the property and finish the project.

Discussion of 1 Watrous Street, 13 Watrous and 13 Summit Street: The members discussed whether merging 1 and 13 Watrous would be better for grant applications. It would be best not to merge them together since they might not sell as a pair. The properties might sell easier if they're separate rather than combined.

Available Grants and due dates for RFPs

- a. **Plan for 2022 – 24:** EPA grants for 2023 will be announced in September. An EPA grant would be the best choice since DECD hasn't announced any upcoming grants. There are also no grants coming from the Rivercog as well. They could provide a letter of recommendation for any grant the agency applies for and could help the members with mapping. The members discussed utilizing the TAB, Technical Assistance on Brownfields, program from UCONN. The application for TAB is easy to fill out and needs to be sent in by April 15th. The timeframe for the help being provided would be May 15th to July 15th. The members also discussed looking into more grants the agency could apply for in the future.

New Business: There are two webinars on Brownfields topics. The first one is on March 30th and the second is on April 21st.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Ms. Man, seconded by Ms. Yenknner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M. Voted 7-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk