

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**  
**Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, April 25, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

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

**Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Brian Corvo, Ryan Baldassario, Darlene Raffanello, and Victoria Man with Town Manager David Cox.

**Absent:** Kay Willson, Virginia Yenkner, and William DeMore,

**Call to Order:** Chairman Corvo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. virtual meeting via zoom.

**Adoption of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Mr. Corvo, seconded by Mr. Baldassario, to adopt the agenda and adopt the presentation from Ms. Bompoti. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Mr. Baldassario, seconded by Ms. Man, to approve of the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes with the changes that Mr. Cox wasn't present at the meeting and change the name to Community Block Grant under Continued Business for 3 Walnut Avenue. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Town Staff Reports:** The town manager's report is updated weekly on the town website. The town budgets are going before the Town Council tomorrow night and the referendum may be held around May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**a. Liaison Reports:** None

**UConn Brownfields Representative:** Nefeli Bompoti, the UConn Brownfields representative, joined the zoom call to present to the commission members. Ms. Bompoti had a power point to explain the program to the commission members. The program services include direct technical assistance, municipal assistance program, continuing education, and community engagement. The direct technical assistance program helps with the paperwork. It handles the technical document review, brownfields proposals review, evaluation of redevelopment options, access to resources, and online office hours. This section would include Phase 2 and 3 investigations for open projects on brownfields redevelopments. This would help to get the next steps under way for on-going projects. The municipal assistance program has two sections, one for the fall and spring semester. The fall semester includes the EPA grant review along with assistance with research and technical components for the grant. The spring semester includes technical support which involves collecting data for brownfields sites, review previous site investigation reports,

review of redevelopment options, and brownfield inventories for the community. There is upcoming EPA brownfields funding through grants. Applications for these grants are accepted during early fall 2022 with the deadline being November 2022. There are 4 tiers for the grant with differing monetary amounts for each level. Ms. Bompoti explained which grant tier covers what type and amount of work needed for brownfields redevelopments. There are EPA Assessment Grants that provides funds to carry out brownfields assessment activities for eligible or pertinent brownfield sites. EPA Cleanup Grants funds the cleaning of redevelopment sites. The grant also has performance reporting and environmental oversight. A Revitalizing New England: Brownfields Summit 2022 will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Devens, Massachusetts at the Devens Common Center. Ms. Bompoti will remain in contact with the commission members if they have further questions or wants to hold a conversation.

**Continued Business – updates on developments for:**

- a. **Discussion of 1 Watrous Street:** No update.
- b. **Discussion of 13 Watrous Street:** No update
- c. **Discussion of 3 Walnut Avenue:** No update
- d. **Discussion of 13 Summit Street:** No update

**3 Walnut Avenue – Detailed Discussion (1-2) year plan:** The members discussed having 3 Walnut Avenue as the site to use the resource coming from the UConn Brownfields program. The commission discussed applying for a Community Assessment Grant for \$200,000. It was mentioned that the commission can apply for a grant up to \$500,000 per brownfields property.

**Discussion of 1 Watrous Street, 13 Watrous and 13 Summit Street:** The members discussed getting all the information and reports together for the properties to have ease of access once the members start applying for grants. The Town Manager stated he can create a fold on the OneDrive for the commission to store everything. There was discussion on which reports and phases were completed for the properties.

**Available Grants and due dates for RFPs**

- a. **Plan for 2022 – 2024:** The members discussed which grants would be best to apply for and which brownfields sites would be best for the grants.

**New Business:** None

**Communications on grant work/applications etc.:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Ms. Man, seconded by Mr. Baldassario, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk