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Regular Meeting / March 12, 2013  
Minutes

Attendance: Israel Mac, Dave Cooper, Jerry Kreitzer, Wendy Wilton, William Notte, Barbara Allen, Brennan Duffy and Mike Gauthier.

Absent: Ed Clark and Claus Bartenstein.

The meeting was called to order at 8 am.

- I. Jerry moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013. William seconded. Motion was approved.
- II. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- III. Wendy moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for Fund 800 expenses totaling \$20,170.62 for payment with the SBD and Copier lease expense codes seperated. Jerry seconded. Motion was approved.

- IV. Barbara updated the Board on the status of several grants:

Wayfinding Signage – The signs have been delivered and are being stored by DRP. Installation is expected to begin April 1.

Neighborhood Revitalization – The Board of Aldermen set the required public hearing for the planning grant application at 6:45 pm on Monday April 1.

Hickory Street Phase II – The Aldermen sent the Anti-Displacement Plan to the Economic and Community Development Committee for review.

Streetlights VI – The DTF agreed to amend the project to include Washington Street as the relocation site of the historic streetlights from the original Union Street site. Wendy said that the Union Street lights should be upgraded to LED for safety reasons and keep the historic lighting in downtown. Wendy moved to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the streetlight grant VI be amended to change the location of the historic light fixtures to Washington Street from Union Street. William seconded. Motion was approved.

Bike Racks – The DPW will begin the installation of the bike racks received through a VTrans grant to the City as early as March 18. EJay has some concerns with the locations at the various parks that he will work through with Barbara.

- V. Brennan provided the following project status reports:

Business Summit – The business forum is co-sponsored by the RRA & DRP and will be held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on March 20 at the Franklin Conference Center. A copy of the advertisement which appeared in the Vermont Business Magazine, as well as other business-related publications, was passed around. Brennan also described a 12-page Small Business Resource guide that he was putting together to distribute at the forum.

Residential Tax Stabilization – The residential tax stabilization on the City ballot passed. Rep. Herb Russell continues to work on a new bill this session dealing specifically with blighted properties and removing current limitations. If this bill passes it would require further voter approval to implement.

Ray Ault Real Estate is the local broker representing the owner of 30 North Main Street (Rite Aid).


Brennan continues to try and contact and obtain a response from Brix-Mor (owner of the downtown plaza) regarding proposed Evelyn Street reconfiguration.

Brennan updated the Board on the Berwick site remediation plan and gave an update of the proposed solar farms.

There will be a Blighted Property Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday at 5:15 pm. On Monday, March 25 Brennan will present a powerpoint presentation at the Fucci Association Business Show in Castleton. The Governor will be the speaker at lunchtime.

- VI. New Business – Mike Gauthier discussed a recent conversation with a citizen regarding City sponsored programs, as well as possible individual owner efforts to revitalize neighborhoods. Mike also informed the Board about the new owner of the West Street property formerly known as the The Office and her business plans.
- VII. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 9 am.

These minutes approved this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of Mar, 2013.

  
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Israel Mac, Secretary