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Regular Meeting / April 22, 2014
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, William Notte, Wendy Wilton, Claus Bartenstein, Pat Menduni, Brennan Duffy, Israel Mac, Barbara Spaulding, Mike Gauthier and Ed Clark.

Absent: Stephanie Peters.

Also attending: Chris Etori, Downtown Rutland Partnership.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am.
- II. Ed moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2014. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.
- III. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- IV. Jason Gibbs, representing Vermont Gas Systems, provided information regarding Vermont Gas Systems proposal to extend a natural gas distribution system through Addison County to International Paper Inc. in Ticonderoga, NY and ultimately to Rutland County. There was a general consensus that the RRA Board should support this project and Brennan will draft a letter of support for Dave to review.
- V. Ed moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$2,111.87. Wendy seconded. Motion was approved.
- VI. Barbara provided the following grant status report:

Master Plan Revision – The Aldermen set their two required public hearings at 6:30 pm on May 19 and June 2.

Downtown Gateway Plan – The professional services contract is being reviewed by the City Attorney and the kick off meeting is scheduled for April 30.

The Neighborhood and Housing Revitalization for the North West neighborhood has been filed with the Vermont Community Development Program. VCDP staff will have eight weeks to review the 87 page application prior to a decision from the VCDP Board Members at their meeting scheduled for June 12.

A grant application was submitted to the Downtown Transportation Fund requesting \$51,000 in funds with \$51,000 in matching funds to create a pedestrian boulevard on West Street connecting the downtown to the Farmer's Food Center; as well as

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completing the historic streetlights on Washington Street. The DTF Board meets on April 28 to decide which projects to fund.

At Brennan's request Barbara prepared the grant status report for the City's Annual report and at 6/30/13 the RRA was managing \$2,591,756.00 in City grants.

VII. Brennan provided the following project status report:

A public records request for the City's Northwest Neighborhood & Housing Revitalization Application was submitted by PEG-TV.

Brennan submitted the RRA's quarterly report for the period ended 3/31/14.

The Board of Alderman approved the Water/Wastewater Rate Redemption Incentive – to stabilize or reduce water and waste water rates for new businesses for a period of up to 5 years.

VT Farmers Food Bank is looking for a distribution site in the Rutland area.

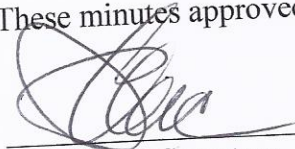
A refinement to language of the commercial tax stabilization policy has been adopted.

The auditor's final bill for services exceeded the \$4,500.00 budget. The Board agreed to approve the overage of \$180.00.

VIII. Pat provided a brief report regarding her attendance at DRP meeting as the RRA's representative. There was a discussion to develop mechanisms to better measure the effectiveness and satisfaction of various DRP initiatives and programs.

IX. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 9:22 am.

These minutes approved this 13TH day of May, 2014.



Israel Mac, Secretary