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Regular Meeting / July 14, 2015  
Minutes

**Attendance:** Dave Cooper, Brennan Duffy, Matt Bloomer, Wendy Wilton, Stephanie Romeo, Barbara Spaulding, Ed Clark and Israel Mac.

**Also attending:** Mike Coppinger, Chris Etori, and Ed Ryan, all of Downtown Rutland Partnership.

**Absent:** Claus Bartenstein and Mike Gauthier.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am.
- II. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None.
- III. Ed moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2015. Matt seconded. Motion was approved.
- IV. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- V. Wendy moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$267.90. Stephanie seconded. Motion was approved.
- VI. In addition to the quarterly spreadsheet emailed to the Board, Barbara provided the following grant updates:

VT Arts Council Grant – The award date for the grant has been postponed until August 7.

VTrans Bike & Pedestrian Application – The application for additional funds for re-engineering of Segment 4 of the Rutland Creek Path where it meets the Dorr Drive Bridge was submitted Monday, July 13. A brief update of the segments currently under construction was given, as well as the status of Segment 3, which includes a bridge over East creek.

VCDP Planning Grant – Applications are due September 1 for the first round of VCDP grants. Planning grants require a 25% match. Brennan discussed several projects that have been brought to the attention of the RRA for planning grant funds.

Municipal Planning Grant – Also due in September and the Planning Commission is considering filing an application to revise the City's zoning bylaws.

- VII. Brennan provided an overview of the draft RRA Quarterly report for 6/30/15 including the following project updates:

Northwest Neighborhood Revitalization – Discussion regarding unattended event held by the Rec Dept. to meet with neighbors for input on how to best utilize 65-67 Baxter Street. Another meeting planned in conjunction with VISION event in October. Brennan is headed to Montpelier today to discuss the possible inclusion of federal forfeiture properties through the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Strongs Avenue Gateway – A meeting was held with the local representative for Vermont Rail Systems to discuss their plans to participate in the Strongs Avenue Gateway revitalization. DPW is working on an RFP for engineering work.

Business Incentive and Assistance Program (BIAP) – The Aldermen voted to support the BIAP using Zamias funds and solar tax revenue to capitalize the fund.

US Small Business Administration 2015 Startup in a Day Competition – The application was filed July 10. Matt asked if there would be a committee formed to work on the project if the City is awarded. Brennan explained the process as he sees it working.

- VIII. DRP Update: Ed Ryan discussed the Downtown Rutland Partnership Financial Results for the Three and Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2015. Also discussed were the quotes from accountants for an audit.
- IX. New Business: On behalf of the RRA Board, Brennan presented Barbara with a gift to acknowledge and commemorate her exemplary and dedicated service to the RRA for the past 20 years.
- X. Wendy moved to adjourn. Ed seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 9:04 am.

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Israel Mac, Secretary