



RUTLAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Regular Meeting / July 26, 2016
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Betsy Bloomer, Barbara Spaulding, Mike Gauthier, Wendy Wilton and Chris Etori.

Absent: Ed Clark, Brennan Duffy, Israel Mac and Stephanie Romeo.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am.

- I. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None.
- II. Chris moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.
- III. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- IV. Mike moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$3,722.85 and recommend to the Board of Finance payment of Fund 100 expenses totaling \$145.21. Wendy seconded. Motion was approved.
- V. Barbara provided the following grant updates:

The annual loan reports have been completed ahead of the deadline.

Northwest Neighborhood Revitalization Project – The monitoring visit was held and it is anticipated that a letter of compliance is forthcoming. Wendy requested a progress report of expenditures related to the grant. Barbara agreed to forward to the Board the most recent excel spreadsheet of requisitions.

SVCOA – The 15-day comment period for the Environmental Review has expired and the FONSI is pending the State's 15-day review period. The release of funds letter is expected by July 31 and the closing on the building is scheduled for August 3. Work continues on completing the award conditions.

Hickory Street Phase III – The Environmental Review statement is completed and the public notice has been published which starts the 15-day comment period. The public hearing is scheduled for August 1.

Evelyn Street Planning Grant – Barbara will be working on the application this week. Wendy moved to commit \$2,500 cash from the Business Incentive Fund and \$2,500 in-kind towards matching funds in support of the VCDP Planning Grant. Chris

seconded. Motion was approved. It will be imperative to convince the CD Board of the transformative nature of this project. A draft letter of support will be provided to the Board for signature at the next meeting. The target submission date for the application is August 9.

VI. Dave reported on the written project updates provided by Brennan:

Northwest Neighborhood Revitalization Project – NWWVT closed on 42 Cleveland Ave last week. Blighted structure will be demolished this summer and discussion continues with HFHI on whether they would be interested in acquiring the cleared site for a rebuild project. NWWVT is proceeding with demo of 148 Library Ave. This property is in the 100 year flood plain and will not be acquired, but remain open land with covenants, with the current owner. This would be the fourth and final demo project in the NW revitalization grant. NWWVT has made an offer on 128 Library Ave as a rehabilitation project. If the Park Ave forfeiture properties are acquired as planned then 128 Library would be the seventh and final rehab in the NW revitalization grant.

10 Cleveland Avenue – Brennan provided a letter of support to the Regional Planning Commission for their \$200,000 EPA grant that would look at contamination and land use planning in the NW neighborhood and specifically at the 10 Cleveland Ave property.

Downtown/Gateway Pedestrian Improvements – The Aldermen approved the amendment to the City’s original contract with VHB to conduct the contaminated urban soils testing along the Strongs Ave corridor. We are working with DPW to plan this work for this summer prior to re-bid.

34 North Main Street – Facilitation with potential tenant and owner continues. A local general contractor has been contacted and will be reviewing the construction estimate for rehab or demo/rebuild of the current structure.

Rutland Road Pitch – The second annual Road Pitch will be held from 4-6 pm on August 1 at the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library. RRA commissioners should receive an invitation from REDC for the pitch and an after-party event at Hop’n Moose.

VII. DRP Update – None. The Board discussed the success of the Friday Night Summer Series and expected continued success of the upcoming Sidewalk Sales.

VIII. New Business – None.

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- IX. Old Business – Discussion regarding approval of RRA letters of support for grants.
- X. Wendy moved to adjourn. Chris seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:24 am.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Betsy Bloomer, Secretary