



RUTLAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Regular Meeting / February 27, 2018
 Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Matt Whitcomb, Mike Gauthier, Chris Etori, Brennan Duffy, Mary Markowski, Israel Mac and Ed Clark.

Also Attending: Glenda Hawley and Eddie Ryan, Downtown Rutland Partnership.

Absent: Barbara Spaulding, Stephanie Romeo and Betsy Bloomer.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8 am.
- II. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None.
- III. Ed moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018. Matt seconded. Motion was approved.
- IV. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board on matters not on the agenda.
- V. Ed moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$98.98 and recommend to the Board of Finance payment of Fund 100 expenses totaling \$412.50. Mike seconded. Motion was approved.
- VI. Grant Updates – Downtown Transportation Fund application.

DRP discussed their memo regarding budget constraints in financially supporting the DTF matching funds.

Brennan discussed a possible funding strategy for a state Downtown Transportation Grant, \$100,000.00, requiring a 50% local match. The proposed local funding structure reflected:

Rutland Blooms	\$20,000.00
RRA	\$10,000.00
DRP	\$5,000.00
City	\$15,000.00
Total	\$50,000.00

Chris moved to permit the DRP to revise its budget structure to conduct an audit every other year (even-numbered year), with understanding that an “unqualified” audit would trigger an audit in the immediate following FY. Motion was seconded and approved. RRA is proceeding regarding above revised DRP budget structure with

understanding that any possible future DRP contribution to Transportation Grant are separate procedural efforts than annual audit requirements.

VII. Brennan provided the following project updates:

Center Street Marketplace - Met with Casella Waste rep. and Bardwell House property manager regarding placement of trash receptacles/dumpsters. Met with GMP rep. regarding future placement of statue.

Opportunity Zones – Rutland City census tracts are likely in draft recommendations by ACCD.

Berwick site – It is understood that a purchase & sales agreement is currently in place.

VIII. DRP Update – Mike reported that the DRP is rebuilding the web site; considering how to revitalize sidewalk sale days and reducing Friday Night Live from 4 events to 3 without reducing the budget thereby permitting more funds to be committed to scheduling more popular entertainment.

IX. BOA Update – Chris provided a brief report.

X. New Business – Homeowner Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program.

Brennan provided a brief report regarding a proposed state sponsored homeowner rehabilitation tax credit program that could provide additional incentive to enhance revitalization work done in the Northwest Neighborhood.

XI. Old Business – None.

XII. A motion was made to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:48 am. The next meeting will be March 13, 2018.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Israel Mac for: Betsy Bloomer, Secretary