



RUTLAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Regular Meeting / February 12, 2013
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Jerry Kreitzer, Israel Mac, Ed Clark, Brennan Duffy, Mike Gauthier and Claus Bartenstein.

Absent: Wendy Wilton, William Notte and Barbara Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 8 am.

- I. Ed moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013. Jerry seconded. Motion was approved.
- II. No one from the public was in attendance.
- III. Jerry moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for Fund 800 expenses totaling \$22,720.62 for payment. Ed seconded. Motion was approved.
- IV. Brennan discussed the grant status report submitted by Barbara:

TD Green Streets – Evan Pilachoswki opted not to apply for these funds.

Wonderfeet Children's Museum – Discussion of possible use of Mintzer Brothers site on Strongs Avenue for museum.

Wayfinding Signage – A meeting was held with DPW and Aldermen to establish a schedule for the installation of the streetlights, as well as other grant projects administered by the RRA.

Hickory Street Community Center – Brennan will accompany Kevin Loso on Feb. 14 to address the VCDP questions regarding the application at the VCDP Board Meeting.

Policing/safety issues grant – Police Chief Baker is pursuing a possible policing/safety issues grant for the Westside neighborhoods.

Streetlights VI – There is a need to shift locations of several street lights due to construction complications and this may present an opportunity to coordinate with the lighting needs identified by the police department.

Rutland City Master Plan – The grant agreement with the City has been signed.

RRA Audit – The audit resulted in four findings that need to be addressed. Barbara addressed 12-01 Insufficient Monitoring of Grant/Loan Activity in her report.

Neighborhood Revitalization – Barbara attended a conference in Rochester, NY with staff from NeighborWorks of Western VT.

V. Brennan provided the following project status reports:

Residential Tax Stabilization – The most applicable existing State statute will appear as a ballot item on March 5th. The issue of refining existing statute's language to more effectively accomplish the goals of incentivizing private investment in blighted properties is currently being discussed between Rep. Russell, ACCD, and legislative counsel.

Vacant Property Ordinance - Following additional public comment the draft ordinance has been referred back to the BPSC for revision. The draft will be reintroduced to C&O committee in the near future.

Berwick Site – Soil testing is scheduled for February 14 and the public has been alerted that parking will be prohibited on that day.

Keith's II Sports – The Aldermen approved the tax stabilization agreement.

Evelyn Street – Carpenter & Costin will provide, pro bono, several conceptual design proposals for the Evelyn Street reconfiguration.


Solar Investment – Brennan discussed the status of several solar agreements.

Rail Issues – There will be a meeting of rail advocates on February 15 regarding the potential redevelopment activities for properties with rail access.

Post Office Annex – The facade issues may not be resolved by May as had been anticipated. State historical preservation advocates are insisting on a tile replacement/repair effort.

VI. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 9:08 am.

These minutes approved this 26TH day of Feb, 2013.



Israel Mac, Secretary