



RUTLAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Regular Meeting / December 27, 2016
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Brennan Duffy, Mike Gauthier, Israel Mac and Chris Etori.

Absent: Ed Clark, Barbara Spaulding, Wendy Wilton, Stephanie Romeo and Betsy Bloomer.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 am.
- II. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None.
- III. Public Comment – None.
- IV. Dave signed the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$149.00 and recommended to the Board of Finance payment of Fund 100 expenses totaling \$2,587.22. This will be ratified at the next meeting.
- V. Barbara was out sick so there were no grant updates.
- VI. Brennan provided the following updates:

Evelyn Street Redevelopment – The RFP was issued on Dec. 22 with responses due 1/24/17. Questions and answers will be posted after Jan. 12. Glenda Hawley at the DRP was asked to serve on the review committee for the RFP along with Dave, Brennan, Jim Rotondo and perhaps Ed Clark.

BIAP Marketing – Brennan discussed his decision to not attend the New England Solar Trade Show in February due to the increase in costs. Currently there is not a national event planned.

Regional Marketing Initiative – There were 18 responses on 12/21 to the RFP. A Steering Committee has been formed to review bids on 1/5 and select several finalists for a second interview.

34 North Main St. – Continued efforts to facilitate a lease agreement with new owner and prospective tenant. Negotiations are not progressing and a new strategy for re-use/occupancy will be employed.

Rutland Herald Site – The site is going to be more actively marketed in future. Owner is seeking assistance in finding a buyer.

RRA Website – The website needs a refresh especially toward featured real estate such as 34 North Main St., Berwick Site, 92 Park St., 77 Grove St. and others. Brennan will contact Jackson Whelan to explore costs and ideas.

Center Street Marketplace – The Board of Aldermen has referred the issue of funding through Zamias to the Community and Economic Development Committee at the request of the RRA. All other City funding was pulled from the budget. A sub-committee of Cindi, Tara, Jim R. and Brennan met to explore options to value engineer current project and save money. Questions remain about whether this is possible and what VTrans will allow.

- VII. DRP Update – Mike attended the last DRP meeting and reported that the DRP budget was the main topic of discussion. Lyz Tomsuden has resigned from DRP. Dave mentioned that Glenda Hawley requested he and another RRA Commissioner serve on a Steering Committee for a new DRP executive director with Mike Coppinger now running for Mayor. Dave and Mike will serve in this capacity.
- VIII. New Business – The Treasurer was not present and the Treasurer’s Report will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- IX. Old Business – None.
- X. There was a motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:55 am.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Brennan Duffy for Betsy Bloomer, Secretary