



TOWN OF THOMPSON

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REGULAR MEETING- BAR Grant Friday, September 10, 2021 – 9:00 AM Merrill Seney Community Room

Members Attending: J. Blanchette – Chair, K. Beausoleil, J. Hall, N. O'Leary
Others attending: T. Penn-Gesek – Director of Planning & Development

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:03 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. June 11, 2021 Regular Meeting – J. Hall moves/N. O'Leary seconds to approve the minutes – passes unanimously
- b. August 13, 2021 Regular Meeting – postponed to October meeting

3. CORRESPONDENCE – none

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. LOTCIP Route 12 sidewalk project
 - i. Construction – bidding, schedule, etc
There is one final comment from CT DOT to clear: they are requesting written permission from the owners of the Dollar General to clear vegetation from the site lines and permit construction of a wheelchair ramp into their sidewalk. A certified letter was sent to the franchise owner in California. No response was received as of the time of the meeting. In order to facilitate moving ahead with the project, it is recommended that the committee votes to remove that crosswalk from the plan. K. Beausoleil moves/J. Hall seconds to remove the crosswalk. Passes unanimously.
 - ii. Inspection Consultant RPF
This cannot be issued until the final approval to bid is given by CT DOT. It is assumed that Freeman Co will submit a proposal for the inspection consultant.
 - iii. End of BAR grant deadline
The formal deadline has passed to close the BAR grant, but DECD has given general approval to extend the grant until the final pieces are completed. There is less than \$5k remaining, including one invoice in-hand from Freeman and whatever they will bill to the Town to prepare the bid documents. DECD has requested all the final invoices in one last payment, once CT DOT issues the approval to bid and Freeman submits the ITB for the construction contract.
- b. John Gumpert liason/River Mill
T. Penn-Gesek and A. St Onge have had a handful of conversations recently regarding possible ways for the Town to take interim ownership of the 929 parcel. This was based on a similar situation that J. Gumpert was involved with in Vernon Rockville, where the Town foreclosed on the tax arrears and then applied for a brownfield cleanup grant with the developer named in that application, and no public auction process pursued. Town counsel has confirmed that the process is allowed under the State statutes; however, there are still some open questions as to how that would work in the River Mill situation.
- c. Other Committee Business
T. Penn-Gesek mentions that the crowdfund for the public art in Riverside Park was successful, and the creation of the statues has begun. Volunteers to clean up the nip bottles to be used in the sculptures would be welcome.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional

7. ADJOURNMENT – 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development