

REGULAR MEETING- BAR Grant
Friday, 10 December, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Via Zoom

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Minutes:

Members Attending: J. Blanchette – Chair, B. Davis, C. Langlois, S. Lewis, N. O’Leary, R. Waldron. Others Attending: W. Bugden – Eastern CT Land Bank, Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:39 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. 15 October 2021 Special meeting – B. Davis moves/N. O’Leary seconds to approve the minutes. Motion passes with one abstention from J. Blanchette, who was absent.
3. CORRESPONDENCE - none
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - a. LOTCIP Route 12 sidewalk project
 - i. Construction – bidding, schedule, etc
 - ii. Inspection Consultant RPF
 - iii. End of BAR grant deadline

There are no substantive updates. The authorization to advertise for a contractor has not been received from CT DOT. DOT did confirm that they have received the final designs from NECCOG, which are under review for final comments. Once final comments are cleared the authorization to advertise will be issued by the department. There is no negative implication for not having that authorization in terms of using the grant; however, it would be favorable to have that response as early as possible, in order to go out to bid on the job.

b. John Gumpert liaison/River Mill

J. Blanchette is encouraged by the diligence shown by the developer and his consultant WMC to identify the flaws in the flood map modeling. T. Penn adds some updates as to the grant application sent in by the Town for brownfield cleanup funds from DECD. In response to one of DECD's follow up questions, the developer has agreed to designate 10% of the planned units as Affordable Housing for households earning up to 80% of AMI. This is a positive both in terms of the scoring on the grant and the Town's overall percentage of Affordable Housing. C. Langlois raises some potential concerns about the implications for the development if lower-income set-asides are planned. T. Penn points out that 80% of AMI for Thompson would be an annual income of roughly \$65k for a household, which is a middle-class wage.

c. Other Committee Business – none additional

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional
7. ADJOURNMENT – 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Blanchette, Chairperson, BAR Committee