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REGULAR MEETING - BAR

Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Grant Sub- Committee

Friday, April 8, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Zoom Recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/t238z-62YdCM6A_nv4EcQcUX-KWbYnCIzayAHNbtSEiGdsM-WkdHQWsEMDw30CLw.iIPNAt4fTUcHT6C4?startTime=1649422831000

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MINUTES

Members Attending: J. Blanchette – Chair, B. Davis, J. Hall, C. Langlois, S. Lewis, N. O’Leary, R. Waldron
Staff Attending: T. Penn-Gesek – Director of Planning & Development, A. St Onge – First Selectman

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:25 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

S. Lewis moves/J. Hall seconds to approve the minutes – passes unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE - Review if any received

T. Penn-Gesek has been in email correspondence with DECD to close out the BAR Grant. The final payment request for Freeman Co. has been submitted as the first step to formally close the grant.

B. Davis moves/S. Lewis seconds to discontinue the BAR Grant Subcommittee going forward. Passes unanimously. J. Blanchette states that the agenda items regarding the LOTCIP project will therefore move to the MSRAC business, with one agenda for all committee business going forward.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS – none attending

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a. LOTCIP Route 12 sidewalk project

2 proposals have been received for the construction administration/inspection contract. Due to a transcription error on the State bid website, the bids will be held to open at the 19 April BoS meeting, to allow for any firms submitting by that date. After that the proposals will be reviewed by a team of 3: the new DPW Director, J. Blanchette & T. Penn-Gesek. The plan is to make a recommendation to the BoS at the 3 May meeting. That is the same meeting where bids for the construction of the project will be opened. A. St Onge notes that the 19 April BoS meeting may be moved to 20 April to

accommodate for the budget process, in which case T Penn-Gesek will notify all the applicants of the adjustment.

b. Other Committee Business – none additional

6. MEMBER COMMENTS

T. Penn-Gesek shares information regarding a proposal for a municipal broadband project she is working on with local firm Sertex & a second firm recommended by the developer for the 150 acre parcel, ConnCities. The purpose would be to support an application to an upcoming Federal grant program for Middle Mile Broadband. The project area would be the mill district, with the potential to build out over time. The grant proposal would likely be structured as some kind of private-public partnership in order to meet any matching requirements for the grant.

T. Penn-Gesek also points out that MSRAC should start to look at planning for the 65 Main project soon, once the contract with the Fed has been finalized.

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development