

## **REGULAR MEETING - BAR**

Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Grant Sub- Committee  
Friday, July 12, 2019 – 9:15 AM  
Merrill Seney Community Room  
Thompson Town Hall

### **Minutes**

Members Attending: S. Lewis, Vice-Chair; B. Davis; J. Hall; N. O'Leary, R. Waldron  
Members Absent: J. Blanchette, C. Langlois Staff Attending: K. Beausoleil, T. Penn-Gesek

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:06 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. June 21, 2019 Regular Meeting  
Hall moves to accept the minutes as presented. Davis seconds.  
Passed unanimously
3. CORRESPONDENCE  
None
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
  - a. CME BAR Grant task review  
CME not in attendance at this meeting. Update anticipated in August, as per email from W. Bugden
  - b. River Mill Development (RMR) development progress  
Update on progress with EPA anticipated in August, as per email from W. Bugden
  - c. Other  
**Discussion of planned project at 65 Main Street/related to BAR grant tasks:**
    - On 5 July, there was a site-walk of the former TEEG building, to discuss possible rehabilitation of the property. MSRAC members attending: Langlois, Lewis & Waldron, with Beausoleil & Penn-Gesek. M. Forino of CT Trust was the invited guest, to help determine possible strategies through historic preservation programs
    - The target project is to reclaim the property in phases. First phase is a community garden & rain garden. Ground-breaking event is planned for Saturday 19 October: installing raised beds with compost, soil & cover crops; live

entertainment; one-day harvest market. The event is to generate interest and public good-will for the project.

- Attorney Slater/Halloran & Sage is reviewing legal means for relief from the conditions of the Tourtellotte will, to allow for repurposing of the building itself.
- Subsequent construction phases for the rehab of the building are to be identified and planned, with a series of grants to be written to seek supplemental funding
- Conversation among committee members was generally favorable toward rehabilitating the property. The planner will be seeking various statements of support to the Tourtellotte Trust and the Board of Selectmen, as the project advances.
- J. Hall expresses interest in serving on any subcommittee that is formed to work on the project, going forward.

Planner reiterates that she will be looking for support from MSRAC, in the form of letters or in-person attendance at relevant Selectmen's meetings, for offering flexible incentives for development projects that are compatible with the goals of the MSRAC/BAR Grant committee and the work of EDC and the Branding sub-committee

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development