

## **REGULAR MEETING - BAR**

Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Grant Sub- Committee  
Friday, August 9, 2019 – 9:10 AM  
Merrill Seney Community Room  
Thompson Town Hall

### **Minutes**

**Members attending: J. Blanchette, Chair; B. Davis; J. Hall; C. Langlois; S. Lewis; N. O’Leary**   **Members absent: R. Waldron**  
**Others attending: K. Beausoleil, First Selectman; W. Bugden, CME; T. Penn-Gesek, Dir. Planning & Development**

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:10 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. July 12, 2019 Regular Meeting – Hall moves/Lewis 2nds to approve J. Blanchette abstains due to absence. All others vote to approve
3. CORRESPONDENCE  
None
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
  - a. CME BAR Grant task review:
    - W. Bugden offers to modify future invoices to reflect the application of grant funds to the task categories, for greater ease in tracking remaining % of funds to be used under each task.
    - Regarding BAR grant task to improve intersection at Blain Road/Riverside Drive: J. Blanchette suggests asking J. Guskowski to follow up on an encroachment permit plan. W. Bugden did ask the CME Transportation Group for next steps and was advised that the town may have more latitude when consulting with DOT on such a plan. First Selectman will reach out to his contacts at DOT to find out more. DPW director has asserted that the work could be done at the municipal level, without an outside contractor.
    - W. Bugden points out that roughly half of the BAR grant funds remain available under the Community Outreach mandate. \$5k has been assigned to a potential wayfinding program, in a grant proposal submitted to The Last Green Valley. Estimate of remaining funds = \$50k +/-
    - W. Bugden offers to remain available to advise on tasks related to BAR grant after he separates from CME at the end of September, where appropriate.

- An agenda item will be added for the meeting on 13 September to discuss strategies to expend the remaining BAR grant Community outreach funds

b. River Mill Development (RMR) development progress

- No substantive movement, due to RMR/Rexnor being unable to set a date to meet with all relevant agencies to negotiate payment of cleanup costs. Schedules have proved difficult to arrange.
- W. Budgen remains optimistic that the headrace environmental issue will be resolved favorably; but, no further motion is possible until RMR & Rexnor are able to agree to cleanup contributions.

c. Other

- S. Kellerson's last day with CME is today (9 August 2019)
- W. Bugden is leaving CME at the end of September but will remain involved in the River Mill project with RMR. His departure does not impact the work on the River Mill or BAR Grant projects. J. Guskowski will be the lead on the project for CME going forward. New email for W. Budgen is [wbugden@oeenviro.com](mailto:wbugden@oeenviro.com)
- Zoning Regs Re-write: W. Bugden distributes an updated iteration of the CME proposed zoning language for the Mill District. B. Davis moves & J. Hall seconds that the BAR Grant Committee recommend that Planning & Zoning adopt the suggested Mill District guidelines, subject to any slight amendments deemed necessary. The motion passes unanimously.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional

7. ADJOURNMENT – 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek  
Director Planning & Development