

REGULAR MEETING - BAR

Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Grant Sub- Committee
Friday, March 13, 2020 – 9:15 AM
Merrill Seney Community Room
Thompson Town Hall

Minutes

**Attending: S. Lewis (Vice-Chair), B. Davis, J. Hall, C. Langlois, R. Waldron
(entered late); T. Penn-Gesek (staff)**

1. CALL TO ORDER 9:06 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. February 14, 2020 Regular Meeting
Hall moves/Langlois seconds to accept the minutes as presented.
Passes unanimously.
3. CORRESPONDENCE
None
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS
None
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - a. John Gumpert liason – update
T. Penn-Gesek: this item has appeared on the agenda for a number of months, but has not been discussed as intended. The item has been used as an update on communication between the First Selectman and J. Gumpert; but, the intent had been to assign an individual from the committee to serve in the specific capacity as a point of contact for the developer. K. Beausoleil was suggested as a logical person to assume this role, as he has a previously established rapport with the developer since the beginning of the project. For example: Beausoleil had previously made a point of attending meetings between Gumpert/CT DEEP/EPA to demonstrate community support and speak on behalf of Thompson at such meetings. The committee finds the idea generally favorable. Penn-Gesek will discuss it further with Chair J. Blanchette when she returns from vacation.
 - b. LOTCIP construction funded sidewalk project – Rawson Ave to Route 200
 - i. LOTCIP application status
NECCOG was sent the application (via Jim Larkin). No updates since it was sent over.

- ii. RFP for design status and dates due
RFP was posted, and a pre-bid conference was held. Addenda to the RFP (including the LOTCIP application draft, answers to questions received & sign in sheet from the pre-bid) were due to be posted by the End-of-Business on Fri 13 March. Pre-bid conference had 7-8 engineering firms in represented, and there have been multiple email inquiries as well.
- iii. Schedule a special meeting in April to review budget remaining and recommend award of design contract (if sufficient funds available) – perhaps Thursday 4/9? Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9 April at 1 p.m. (**note: this meeting was scheduled prior to adoption of measures to mitigate COVID-19. This meeting may be rescheduled**)
- c. Blain road intersection design update
Addressed under minutes of MSRAC meeting
- d. Other Committee Business

6. MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Ask Me Anything: Penn-Gesek is looking for the responses that were given to residents' questions at the MSRAC table. The questions were well-transcribed, but the instructions up front were unclear and the responses were not received. Request to Lewis, Hall & Langlois to send those responses back for inclusion in the complete notes from the event.
- b. April Clean-Up & Nips For Holiday Cheer – General discussion of these two upcoming programs, requesting volunteers & support. Description by Penn-Gesek & Waldron of how the Nips For Holiday Cheer program is intended to work.
- c. Six Months of Suffrage IOBY campaign – Waldron & Penn-Gesek give a reminder to the committee that the crowdfunding campaign is open through the end of March, and donations are encouraged to support the program of events commemorating the centennial of Women's Suffrage.

7. ADJOURNMENT 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development