



TOWN OF THOMPSON

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REGULAR MEETING- MSRAC

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee (MSRAC)
Friday, August 13, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Held via zoom – recording unavailable

Attending: J. Blanchette – Chair, K. Beausoleil, B. Davis, J. Hall, S. Lewis, N. O’Leary, T. Penn-Gesek – Director of Planning & Development, A. St Onge – First Selectman

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:03 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. June 11, 2021 Regular Meeting – postponed to September meeting
3. CORRESPONDENCE - none
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a. Development of 630 Riverside Drive – no substantive updates

b. 8/18 Public event for American rescue plan projects

The MSRAC members have all received copies of the project summaries ahead of the public engagement event. The format will be very similar to the first civic game play event in June 2019 – participants will be organized into discussion groups, be given a brief presentation on the projects under consideration, score the projects individually, and then engage in group discussion to create consensus “team” scores. T. Penn will then take all the results and compile a final report with several recommended options for the BoS to make final decisions

c. Future committee projects/grants?

No specific grants are currently under consideration, but T. Penn had a conversation with Atty Elkow (representing J. Cumpert), who indicated that the town of Vernon was able to receive a grant for brownfield cleanup of a foreclosed mill with an acquisition agreement included. Atty Elkow made an introduction for T. Penn to the relevant person in Vernon, and they are scheduled for a call to discuss how that process worked on Thu 19 Aug.

d. Crowdfund campaign opened – Public art using nips bottles

T. Penn shows the committee the page for the crowdfund and encourages them to individually donate. If 50 or more donors contribute \$4500 or more by 31 August, the funds will be matched by the Sustainable CT program. The project is a wrap-up to the 2020 “Nips for Holiday Cheer” program.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development