

REGULAR MEETING- MSRAC

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee (MSRAC)
Friday, December 13 – 9:00AM
Merrill Seney Community Room
Thompson Town Hall

Minutes

Members attending: J. Blanchette, chair; C. Langlois; R. Waldron; N. O’Leary; B. Davis.

Members absent: J. Hall; S. Lewis

Others attending: A. St Onge, First Selectperson; K. Beausoleil, Selectman; R. Benoit, Dir. DPW; T. Penn-Gesek, Dir. Planning & Development

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:03 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 8, 2019 Regular Meeting
Davis moves/Waldron seconds to approve the minutes as presented.
Passes unanimously
3. CORRESPONDENCE - none
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - a. 630 Riverside Dr. Update- no update
 - b. Northeast CT Landbank
T. Penn-Gesek is a member of the B.O.D. for the newly forming 501c3. The business plan is still under development. Once 501c3 status is confirmed, DECD also has to endorse the new landbank. The purpose of the landbank is to assist in the reclamation of brownfield properties. The first client was to have been town of Plainfield, but that plan is currently in flux. T. Penn-Gesek will share the final draft of the business plan once it is complete. J. Guskowski describes a hypothetical scenario under which a municipality could take possession of a brownfield property for non-payment of taxes, and then turn it over to the landbank for remediation and return to marketable condition.
 - c. Sean Donohoe discussion on possible funding source – S. Donohoe was unable to attend this meeting. Agenda item will be carried over to the January meeting.
6. MEMBER COMMENTS –none
7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 a.m.

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