

REGULAR MEETING- MSRAC

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee (MSRAC)
Friday, February 14 – 9:00AM
Merrill Seney Community Room
Thompson Town Hall

Minutes

Members attending: J. Blanchette, chair; J. Hall; S. Lewis, R. Waldron

Members absent: B. Davis, C. Langlois, N. O'Leary

Others attending: A. St Onge, First Selectperson; K. Beausoleil, Selectman; T. Penn-Gesek, Dir. Planning & Development; J. Guskowski, CME; S. Donohoe

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:12 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
Hall moves/Lewis seconds to approve the minutes as presented. Passes unanimously
3. CORRESPONDENCE - none
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - a. 630 Riverside Dr. Update- A. St. Onge mentions the fence being down near the base of Blain again. S. Donohoe acknowledges another driver struck the fence within the last 10 days/2 weeks. Ongoing problem which may improve once the Blain Rd. Intersection project moves forward
 - b. Sean Donohoe Discussion on Potential Funding Source – S. Donohoe provides some background on the mill property having been the recipient of Small Cities grant funds as a loan from the town 20+ years ago, for physical improvements, which were completed. The loan went into default for noncompliance due to the departure of Sanitary Dash & the promised job creation not occurring. Liens were placed on satellite properties to try to spread the burden on the repayment: 929/915 Riverside Drive, the related watertower and 2 parcels of 49/150 acres. Since that time the parcels have all been sold, but the liens remain. It is suggested that the BoS/BoF negotiate with some of those property holders to reduce the obligation. Any funds returned to the town from the Small Cities program would be Program Income and therefore not eligible to be folded into the general fund (i.e. only eligible to be used on Small Cities related projects). It is proposed that the committee write a letter as a formal statement to the BoS, prior to the 18 Feb meeting, recommending partial release of some of the parcels from their liens.
6. MEMBER COMMENTS –none additional
7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:38 a.m.

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