



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Mill Sites Redevelopment
Advisory Committee (MSRAC)

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REGULAR MEETING- MSRAC

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(MSRAC) Friday, May 13, 2022 – 9:00 AM

Hybrid In-Person &
Zoom

Access Zoom

Recording:

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Members attending: J. Blanchette – Chair, B. Davis, J. Hall, C. Langlois, N. O’Leary

Staff Attending: T. Penn-Gesek, A. St Onge

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:10 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 8, 2022 Regular Meeting MSRAC
Hall moves/O’Leary 2nds to approve the minutes. Passes unanimously. April 8, 2022 Regular Meeting BAR. Hall moves/Langlois 2nds to approve the minutes. Passes unanimously
3. CORRESPONDENCE - none
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
 - a. Riverside Drive LOTCIP Sidewalk Project: The contract for the consultant for sidewalk contract administration and inspection was awarded to Freeman by the BOS on Monday 5/9. Two proposals were received and the review committee had recommended Freeman. Only one bid was received for the sidewalk construction by NC Inc. of Ludlow, MA. Their bid was approximately 1.6 million and was within 5% of the engineer’s construction cost estimate of \$1.7 million. Freeman is in the process of performing a bid analysis which includes checking contractor references. They will forward their recommendations on to the BOS for possible award of the contract. NECCOG and/or CT DOT will also have to recommend award because of LOTCIP grant requirements.
When it gets closer to actual construction, the immediate neighbors should be notified about the construction by mail or hand delivered flyer. The general public could be notified by WINY announcements and an ad in Shoppers Guide.
 - b. Development of 630 Riverside Drive: The property is up for a tax sale but there is a potential buyer so the town may remove the property from the sale so they have more control of the

potential buyer. It is important to get an owner who will clean up the site and develop it.

- c. River Mill/FEMA flood map appeal update: The appeal is due mid -June. Tyra is working with the engineer from WMC to make sure that the town submits the paperwork correctly. The draft proposed 100 year flood level along the French River is higher at 630 and houses near the River Mill. Hopefully the appeal and resultant new water levels will positively affect this.
- d. Blain Road Intersection paving: The Town is currently without a DPW Director and other key employees are not available or don't have the expertise to start the project this spring. Hopefully the work can be done this summer and therefore the cross walk and LID raingarden at the intersection will still be able to be constructed in a timely manner.
- e. DECD CT Communities Challenge Grant – Unfortunately the town wasn't awarded the grant.
- f. Other Committee business – Putnam received another 1.4 million in LOTCIP construction money for sidewalks. Thompson should continue to look for funds to design a downtown public works project that can take advantage of these state DOT dollars.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS - none

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Blanchette, Chairperson