



# TOWN OF THOMPSON

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## SPECIAL MEETING- MSRAC

Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee (MSRAC)

Friday, October 15, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Via Zoom

View recording: Topic: MSRAC/BAR Grant

Date: Oct 15, 2021 08:46 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/N7uinQFgsuLlsINNRp2cm5XfSVnBOFyEncExMn5HriNtOM1lCQK-WLnemiPbxQxS.3XcCt4QuxHKMZ137>

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Or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHdvnfnozh8k>

Attending: S. Lewis –Vice Chair, K. Beausoleil, B. Davis, J. Hall, N. O'Leary; W. Bugden – One Earth Environmental, T. Penn-Gesek – Director of Planning & Development, A. St. Onge – First Selectman

## Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. August 13, 2021 Regular Meeting – Davis moves/Beausoleil 2nds  
Passes unanimously
  - b. September 10, 2021 Regular meeting – Davis moves/Beausoleil 2nds  
Passes unanimously
3. CORRESPONDENCE – review if any received - none
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none
5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
  - a. Development of 630 Riverside Drive  
Occasional calls come in from development companies which are referred to the broker (P. Lange). No substantive movement as of yet
  - b. Revisions to FEMA Flood map –  
W. Bugden and T. Penn-Gesek give a synopsis of the communications to date with CT DEEP, Rep. Courtney's office and others to try to resolve the issue of the increase of the 100 year flood level in the vicinity of the mill. Modeling data has been forwarded by FEMA's contractor, but it is not legible to anyone without industry-specific software. J. Blanchette is out of state until 23 October but does have the ability to open the files and the technical knowledge to interpret them. J. Gumpert has proposed approaching FEMA with a request for assistance in mitigating the

impact of the new flood levels on the project. T. Penn will reach back out to CT DEEP/FEMA/Rep. Courtney's office using that approach. W. Bugden talks about the kinds of factors that are considered when assessing flood levels (turbulence created by obstructions in the flow of water, differences in ground cover, etc).

c. Blain road intersection – LID drainage –

Due to manpower limitations at DPW, the project to improve the Blain Rd intersection is pushed off until spring

d. Future committee projects/grants? –

T. Penn-Gesek proposes that, once she is able to submit an application to the DECD CT Communities Challenge Grant program (to leverage the ARPA funds), the MSRAC Committee take on the management of the various projects that may be covered under that award. In addition to the "Tier 2" projects identified for funding under "Option 4" from the final report on the ARPA engagement process, the possibility was raised by J. Blanchette to the BoS to set aside some funds for additional sidewalk design in the BAR grant area (e.g. Main St). The intent would be to turn around a completed design into another LOTCIP grant. An additional late request has been made to consider incorporating an adaptive reuse project for the Thompson Congregational Church into the Communities Challenge grant. The guidelines and application for that grant have not yet been published.

e. Other Committee business – none additional

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development