

# **PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 7, 2015

Planning Department Office  
7:30PM

## **I Call to Order**

Chairman Alphonse Lasota called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were members Dan Slowick, Joseph Turek. Also present was Nicole Parker, recording minutes.

## **II Old Business**

Minutes March 8, 2015

Motion was made to accept minutes as amended by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (3:0)

Treasurer's Report

Bank Statements were reviewed. Two checks were sent out.  
D.Slowick stated that he has researched other accounting firms and has found one in Wellesley Ma. that is considerably more affordable. He stated that he will be in touch with the current firm to negotiate.

Motion was made to accept report by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (3:0)

Incubator Project

A.Lasota took the 5 week course and stated that it was very enjoyable. He stated that it was very thorough. However, there were only three people in attendance. He stated there needs to be more publicity. He called MPact to discuss how to get exposure. He explained that there are three steps. First, the event gets put on the community calendar. Once there is success from that there is a one minute presentation/ Public Service Announcement on MPact. Once that has gained exposure there is a thirty minute segment with a panel of knowledgeable people on the subject that is provided by MPact for the event.

D.Slowick stated that he does not believe the PRA should be the proponent regarding business in town. His suggestion was that Quaboag Valley Community Development Center (QV CDC) be the proponent.

Motion was made to push for the PRA to push for more publicity by J.Turek. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

### Three Rivers Project/ Chamber

D.Slowick stated that he will be attending the meeting later this month.

### Meeting with Constituents in Springfield Regarding Rail & Ridership

It was stated that the Inland study decided that Blake Lamathe's parcel is not feasible for a station, due to the nature of private property and the need for 400 feet of coverage. It was also stated that the PRA should find out what the HDR & MDOT needs are. The recommendation is to meet with them first.

Motion was made for D.Slowick to go to Boston by J.Turek. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

### **III New Business**

#### Christmas Decorations

It was stated that the rec. director, Jim Ostrout, had obtained decorations from Springfield after they purchased new. The PRA stated that they would like to get involved and help in fundraising to get the downtowns more festive during the Christmas holidays.

#### Adam's Arts Council

The PRA stated interest in involvement with the Massachusetts Cultural Council and would like to be able to endorse the Adam's Arts Council.

Motion was made to become involved in Massachusetts Cultural Council by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

### **IV Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting date was set for May 6, 2015 at 7PM

### **V Adjournment 8:45PM**

Motion to adjourn was made by D.Slowick. Seconded by A. Lasota. Motion bpassed (3:0)