

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Planning Department Office
7:00PM

I Call to Order

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

David Swirk, former member and chairman of the PRA was also present.

II New Business

David Swirk, working as liaison for railroad standing committee presented a report regarding hiring an independent contractor to do a site assessment to renegotiate the current lease between PRA & Railroad. The cost would be approximately \$200,000.00 that the railroad would not see worth in.

The report stated that there were small repairs that were needed, re: lubricator; broken shaft. It was discussed that if the PRA was willing to fix the track the Railroad will be willing to discuss renegotiating.

D.Swirk spoke to Jody Ray, Rail Administrator for Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding accessing state funds through the PRA with the possibility of renegotiating the contract. D.Swirk state that he would get the report over to Jody Ray.

Motion was made to send report to Jody Ray by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Motion was made to accept standing committee report by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Minutes January 7, 2015

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

Treasurer's Report

Bank Statements were reviewed. There has been no payable or receivable activity this month.

Motion to accept report made by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Incubator Project

Classes start Tuesday, February 24, 2015 and go for 5 weeks, at the Chamber of Commerce office from 5PM-7PM.

It was recommended to put together the intent on these classes and everyone involved, ie. PRA for initializing it and also mentions for Renee Stolar of the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and Sheila Cuddy of the Quabog Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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

It was stated that there will be a meeting at the Cultural Center on Main Street in Three Rivers on February 11, 2015 from 8:00AM- 9:30AM with the QVCDC and most Town Department heads have been invited.

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

Three Rivers Project:

D.Slowick spoke to Renee Stolar and stated that he would be attending the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 3. The PRA discussed and decided that they would make every effort to attend as many meetings as possible.

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

Meeting with Springfield Officials

Contact with Springfield officials has been unsuccessful thus far. J.Turek stated that he will work on it some more.

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

Bank Signature Cards

J.Turek stated that he would send a letter introducing members. Then each member will go to Country Bank and sign.

Motion was made to accept cards by J.Turek. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Vacancy Filling

There has been constant attention on the two current vacancies in the PRA; one appointed member by the state and one by the Town Manager. The vacancies are currently in the Palmer Journal. Members stated that they will look into putting it on Masslive.

Meeting with State Senators/MGM

J.Turek stated that he would work on this.

Meeting With Town of Spencer's Trevor Beauregard For Peer to Peer

The PRA discussed the fact that Spencer has gone through an Urban Renewal Plan (URP) Project twice. The Board will be looking to apply when the next round of funding comes out. It was discussed and decided that the Board would ask Alice Davey, the Palmer Community Development Director, for more information.

Motion was made to contact A.Davey regarding Peer to Peer by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Abutter Notice From Sherwood Lumber

Motion was made to acknowledge receipt of notice by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Annual Report

D,.Slowick comprised annual report and was accepted and sent to Carol Wolf at Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Motion was made to accept annual report by J.Turek. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Next Meeting

Next meeting was scheduled for March 4, 2015.

IV Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by J.Turek. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)