

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 7, 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 and Joseph Turek. Also present was Nicole Parker, recording minutes. . Doug Farmer, Editor of the Palmer Journal, was also present.

II New Business

Minutes December 3, 2014

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

Treasurer Report

J.Turek explained to the members that an end of year statement that is needed from the bank must have everyone's signature. All members must go to Country Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, and Monson Savings Bank. It was advised that all members go on their own before the next meeting.

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

Incubator Project

Sheila Cuddy, of the Quabog Valley Community Development Corporation, (QV CDC) stated that she is too busy right now to have an informal meeting with the PRA. She did give a list of current students: 2 residing in Warren have a retail establishment in Sturbridge. 2 residing in Bondsville have a service business in Bondsville. 1 residing in Ware has an agriculture establishment in Ware and 1 residing in Monson is a farmer.

The members would like to meet with Doug Farmer of the Palmer Journal and Sheila Cuddy when classes are confirmed, within the next week or so. SCORE, offered to mentor if need be.

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

Three Rivers Project Report from Alice Davey, Community Development Director

D.Slowick spoke with A.Davey as to what the next step should be for the PRA as far as getting an Urban Renewal Plan (URP) together. She stated that it should be put on hold until February when new grant rounds come out.

Peer to Peer

There was mention of Greenfield or Gardner. D.Slowick stated that he would contact the Community Development Director in Gardner.

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

Meeting With Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce (COC)

There was discussion about speaking to the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Urban Renewal Plan and gaining public support, and creating a liaison between the PRA and COC.

Motion was made to attend Chamber of Commerce meeting in March by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (3:0)

Member Vacancies

There was discussion of a resident who was possibly interested but that individual has not shown any more interest lately.

Motion to continue to recruit members was made by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (3:0)

Standing Committee

No members of the PRA have heard anything regarding the standing committee. D.Slowick stated that he would contact Myles Tobin to inquire.

Motion was made to have D.Slowick contact Myles Tobin regarding the railroad standing committee consisting of previous PRA member and chairman, David Swirk. By D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed (3:0)

Springfield Officials

There was discussion regarding contacting influential business people in Springfield. J.Turek stated that he would call Paul Picknelly and Mayor Dominic Sarno next week.

Motion was made to contact officials in Springfield by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Business Cards

D.Slowick stated that he ordered business cards for everyone and they should be in next week.

III Adjournment 9:00PM

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:00PM by D.Slowick. Seconded by J.Turek. Motion passed
(3:0)