

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, June 3, 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. Prospective new member Jan McCoy was present. Also present was Nicole Parker, recording minutes.

II New Business

Sherwood Lumber Easement

Final easements were drawn up to allow Sherwood Lumber to cross over PRA property. It was essential to the PRA that maintenance and all related work never be the responsibility of the PRA, and after review by PRA attorney Jennifer Rymarski, the PRA was comfortable that they will bear no responsibility to this project.

Motion was made to approve and sign easements by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Minutes:

May 6, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The PRA met with Cheryl O'Grady, of Robert Hurst, CPA. She is going to look into whether Steve Chiacchia has been reporting to the IRS. She will also research whether there is history with an old tax ID #.

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

Incubator Project

It was stated that there has been no real interest in the project as of late. The community calendar is on MPact. It has been approximately one month with no interest. A.Lasota explained to prospective member Jan McCoy what the incubator project consisted of. D. Slowick stated that he spoke to Sheila Cuddy and she said there would be one more class before the summer break. The PRA agreed to let the summer go by and pick up more momentum in the fall.

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

Three Rivers Revitalization Project

The PRA is expected to meet with the Police Chief, John J. Janulewicz Acting Chief of Police on June 25nd. The application for the Adam's Art grant was submitted two weeks ago. A call was received confirming that the PRA will be involved. Should know more around the first of July.

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

New Member

Jan McCoy met with Town Manager Charlie Blanchard, who, after careful consideration of her qualifications, felt she would be a great fit for the PRA. She was recommended and was introduced. She attended the meeting as a member of the public.

Motion was made to endorse Jan McCoy as the member by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Easement at Sherwood Lumber

The proposed easement was not approved by the PRA. They were not in agreement with most of the terms.

The revised lease from New England Central Railroad that was designed to equalize the allowance of the easement was also unacceptable to the PRA. They were not in agreement with most of the terms. It was recommended by D.Slowick that the agreement be reviewed by Fletcher & Sippel for their recommendation. D.Slowick stated that he would provide the correspondence.

Motion was made to send the current and proposed leases from NECR to Fletcher & Sippel by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

PVPC Meeting

There was mention of the ongoing discussion regarding the high – speed rail from Boston to Springfield. It was stated that a lot of new politicians are on board. J.Turek stated that he sent an e-mail to Tom Brennan and is looking forward to hearing from him.

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

Standing Committee

Dave Swirk was not present. It was stated that they would meet on an as – needed basis.

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

Board Member Comments

It was discussed and recommended that the Board go walk the property. There are 8 acres of wetlands and possible illegal dumping. The Board stated that they will go out and investigate.

III Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was set for July 8, 2015 at 7PM

IV Adjournment 8:45PM

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