

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 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. Also present was Nicole Parker, recording minutes.

II New Business

Minutes February 7, 2015

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

Treasurer's Report

It was stated that statements will be coming quarterly and not monthly. It was stated that Accountant, Steve Chiacchia, had a CD with all of the PRA's previous statements attached. They are currently looking to find someone reasonable to convert files to Quickbooks. D.Slowick stated that he would go and see Mr. Chiacchia in person. 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)

Motion was made to have D.Slowick approach Steve Chiacchia regarding reports by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Incubator Project

As of yet, no potential customers have come out of the class. It was discussed that something innovative needs to be done to draw in more viable businesses, such as a business plan. It was also discussed that in order to reach out to any professional regarding ventures, all pertinent information must be obtained. The Board spoke of meeting with Sheila Cuddy from the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation to get some input.

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

Motion was made to contact Sheila Cuddy of the QV CDC by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Meeting with Mayor Sarno, Senator Lesser, MGM in Springfield

J.Turek spoke to Peter Picknelly who recommended he speak with Mayor Dominick Sarno. Mayor Sarno recommended Joe speak with Ed Pikula, an attorney representing Springfield, who informed him that he should speak to Kevin Kennedy, Chief Development Officer for Springfield. Brian Lees also called with a good recommendation. J.Turek had lunch with Brian Lees, who called Eric Lesser, Massachusetts State Senator, and he said he was opening an office in East Longmeadow. Mr. Lesser made sure that J. Turek was assured that Palmer would be one of his first meetings in the East Longmeadow office.

Motion to make contact by J.Turek. Seconded by D.Slowick. Motion passed (3:0)

Park and Ride Lots

D.Slowick spoke to Jeff Roberts of Roberts Printing regarding getting more Christmas decorations for Palmer. There was also conversation regarding the recreational director and his contacts and partnering to get funds.

Motion was made to work on getting Christmas decorations for the town by D.Slowick. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

Holbrook Site

There was discussion regarding the brass medallions and artwork throughout town, which can be seen embedded in sidewalks on Main Street in Depot Village. There was discussion regarding a contest such as "Field of Dreams" to possibly be open to the public and/or high school seniors. There could possibly be a prize for "Best Design" for Transportation Center.

Motion was made to entertain ideas for Transportation Center at the Holbrook Site on Main Street by J. Turek. Seconded by A.Lasota. Motion passed (3:0)

III Adjournment 8:45PM

Next meeting was set for April 1, 2015.

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