

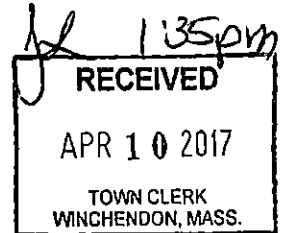
TOWN OF WINCHENDON



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Regular Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2017

4th Floor Meeting Room

109 Front St

Winchendon MA 01475

Participants: See attached sign-in sheet

Les Goodrich called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Minutes from the 1/26/2016 meetings were presented for approval.

Motion to accept the minutes of the 1/26/2016 meeting Amenta/Sroczynski 5-0 Approved, @1:37

Project Updates:

CDBG Grant: FY 17 Grant: Grant preparation is in full swing. The town contracted with MRPC again to write and partially administer the grant. There is \$83,736 for administration that will need to be allocated. The slum and blight designation was turned into DHCD. There is still an issue with income surveys not being returned. This will decide what national objective the grant will be applied under. To recap the grant application will be for Chestnut Street, two housing rehab units, and fuel assistance.

RHI: The site plan has passed with the planning board. This item agenda has been moved to the Redevelopment Authority and will be removed.

Cumberland Farms: Demolition slated to begin in spring 2017.

Library Accessibility: The site plan has passed the planning board. Project to begin shortly.

Complete Streets: No new updates.

Green Communities: The town was awarded \$170,000. Ms. Murphy is working on the next round which is competitive.

Business Listings: Ms. DeAmicis dropped off a business listing she worked on for another community. She is hoping to do the same for Winchendon.

Chamber of Commerce: Ms. Murphy has set up a meet and greet for March 14, 2017 with Senator Gobi and Representative Zlotnick. The Winchendon School is hosting the event. She urges everyone that can attend to.

IGA: No new information for this meeting.

New Business:

Darlene Rossi is present as the new owner of Morin Real Estate. She is interested in a ribbon cutting ceremony. The committee is happy to do the ceremony. It is tentatively set for April 8, 2017 at 10am. Ms. Rossi will confirm.

Dee Dee's Treasures: Also interested in a ribbon cutting. She would like it to coincide with her 1st year in business anniversary which is May 1, 2017. Unfortunately this is a Monday and there are issues with the availability of committee members and state legislatures. Ms. Sroczynski to reach out and try to confirm for either April 29 or 30.

Board Reorganization: There is a schedule conflict with Ms. DeAmicis. Her new work schedule will not permit her to attend meetings on Thursdays. Ms. Murphy asked members if the meeting day could be changed. Almost all members have commitments on other days. Ms. Murphy to send email asking Ms. DeAmicis to resign do to conflict.

TIP: Ms. Murphy received a call on February 17, 2017 from MRPC asking for her to present Central Street to MPO for consideration. A power point presentation was seen at the meeting. Mr. Hickey and Mr. Gallant also attended. Looks like Central Street will be on the 2019 TIP. Ms. Murphy stated the town needs to start investing in design funds for infrastructure. The total project cost should be around 3.5 million. The town needs to be ready as other projects may fall through and we could be moved up the list.

Golf Course: The town was saddened to hear of the golf course not opening. The future of the pro shop is not known as the management company was running it. Zoe's restaurant hopefully will remain open as it is not directly related to the course.

WRA: Ms. Murphy briefed the committee on how the Authority is looking into vacant and tax title properties. The Authority is interested on getting these properties back on the tax rolls. There is flexibility with the Authority regarding the bid process, therefor it could be easier to sell to investors. The details are still being worked out.

Next meeting date established for March 23, 2017 @1:30.

Motion to Adjourn Amenta/Sroczyński 5-0 Approved @ 2:48pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenelle R. Sroczyński
Financial Manager

Minutes approved:

Josh Goodrich

Chris Smith

Ronnie Fortugno

