



REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2018
100 Broadway, City Hall, Room 319, 6 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Quarto, Alderwoman Stacy Gould, Tucker Braddock, Robert Buckley, James Heist, Anthony Jacobs, Mark Kulos, and Shane Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sofee Noblick

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Lussier

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Barry Ellison of Norwich Public Utilities, Sean F. Buckley, Diba Khan-Bureau and Jennifer Messervy

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Melinda Wilson

- I. Call to Order Call to Order: Chair Jim Quarto called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call and determination of quorum: Roll call was taken. It was determined a quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Minutes: November 27, 2017 Meeting

On a motion by Mark Kulos, seconded by Alderwoman Gould, the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) meeting minutes of November 27, 2017 were unanimously approved as presented.
- IV. Correspondence: None
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Grants (EPA and DECD) for Brownfields Project:

Jim Quarto updated the RDA on the Shipping Street area grant. Tighe and Bond are moving ahead with all due haste. Phase 1 and Phase 2 assessments are complete. They are currently planning remediation. The Phase 3 investigation is in process. They are also working on 270 Thames Street by completing Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental studies. Jim Olsen and Amy Vaillancourt from Tighe and Bond will report at next month's meeting. They will have the planned work done by the end of March.

At 27 Terminal Way and 28 South Street, outreach to property owners was recently made due to the planning and assessment grant funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DECD). DECD extended the availability of the original funding until 3/31/18.

b. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Implementation Committee:

Jim Quarto reported he has been attending the meetings. Department heads suggest ways to move the city forward. The meetings have been very positive. One topic under discussion has been property disposition. Deanna Rhodes, City Planner, has been working with the Department of Public Works to come up with a flow chart on how to address this issue. Jim reported he will continue to report on the POCD meetings at RDA meetings. It will be a standing agenda item. Alderwoman Stacy Gould reported that city personnel are creating a list of city-owned properties and breaking the list down into functioning city buildings, commercial and residential properties.

VI. New Business:

a. 2018 Calendar to reschedule May meeting:

Discussion was held on the May meeting of the RDA. It was decided to reschedule the May meeting to the 21st.

b. Jim Quarto gave an update on the Uncas Leap project. The State Historic Preservation Office wants steel girders added to the granite building to hold the walls up. Norwich Historical Society consultant Reagan Miner is looking into other funding options. He also reported on the Ponemah Mill renovation. The north section grant is about to be finalized. The Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a business after hours event at the Ponemah Mill on February 15, 2018, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Tours will be offered.

VII. Citizen Comment: None

VIII. Adjournment:

On a motion by Tony Jacobs, seconded by Mark Kulos, the Redevelopment Agency unanimously adjourned at 6:52 PM.