



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

Ashland Redevelopment Authority

Minutes

6/6/2016 6:30 PM

ARA Minutes of June 6, 2016

Members Present: Mark Dassoni, Terry Hendrix, Brandi Kinsman, Sara Hines, Andrea Green

Guests: Bill Shaner

Meeting opened @ 6:40

- 1) Approve minutes from 5/2/2016 and 5/23/2016, voted 4-0-0.
 - 2) ARA elections: Ms. Hines made a motion to nominate Ms. Green for Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Hendrix, discussion, Voted 4-1-0.
 - A) Ms. Hines nominated herself for Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Green, Voted 5-0-0.
 - B) Ms. Hines nominated Mr. Hendrix for Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Dassoni, Voted 5-0-0.
 - C) Mr. Hendrix nominated Ms. Kinsman for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Dassoni, Voted 5-0-0
 - 3) treasurer's report- paid Mark Grover for curbing and pothole repairs. Received insurance bill but still trying to save us a bit more money. Mr. Hendrix to follow up. Ms. Green may need \$250 to be reimbursed for town meeting signs if not reimbursed from town. Group discussion around detail on treasurer's report. Mr. Dassoni made a motion to have financial report distributed prior to meeting. Mr. Hendrix seconded. Voted 4-1-0.
 - 4) Pond Street Working Group report- Ms. Green 6/2 attended MPO in Boston discussion of TIP list. Ashland had been moved down from FY2020 to FY2021. Projects ahead of us on list won't be ready- vote on June 16th to keep us on FY2020. Ms. Hines working group in town on Friday. Now priority for Green International. Sept public hearing- 25% completion for DOT. June 14th informational update. Will need to have 2 ARA members at next MPO.
 - 5) Ms. Green met with consultant from Collins and heads of all departments. Brought wish list of projects. Talked about downtown projects- new sidewalks, crosswalks, plantings, facade improvements, and Pond Street projects. Consultants will help town prioritize projects. Exploring possible grant options. Potentially set up meetings with banks on community reinvestment. Ms. Green to begin with Needham Bank.
 - 6) Yellow house- We will look into the yellow house project more and will talk about it at the next meeting. Mr. Hendrix asked if we could get a tour. Ms. Green to set up.
 - 7) Sign project- 1st batch of signs almost ready to be installed (5). DPW on alert for installation. Downtown Collaborative wants to look into crosswalks and sidewalks. ARA sign- Ms. Hines makes motion to have sign colors blue on top and green on bottom with white lettering as on mockup of computer. Ms. Kinsman seconds. Passes 4-0-1.
 - 8) Discussed letter/flyer for 125 Front Street- Ms. Green drafted flyer for people to respect parking spaces to be distributed prior to Farmer's Market this week.
 - 9) Fundraising for pavilion- Possibilities- Savers fundraiser "back to school" timing, Needham Bank involvement, benefit concert
 - 10) Next meeting will be July 7th and Ms. Green to set up date for tour of the yellow house.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:07.

Respectfully Submitted by Andrea Green/ Brandi Kinsman.