

Belchertown EDIC
Executive Session Meeting

July 17, 2019

Members

Jonathan Spiegel___x___ Rich Kump___x___ Bob Rivard___x___
Kirk Stephens___x___ Beth Maroney___o___ Bill Terry___x___

Meeting Open__7:35 p.m.____
Small Meeting Room
Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Turner

Agenda Item # 1 BDS solidified financing

Ms. O'Neil informed the Board that Belchertown Day School had secured their financing and were prepared to close by August 31st. Mr. Spiegel asked if that date satisfied the contracted dates. Ms. O'Neill said yes it did and we were moving forward. Mass Development had received the ANR plan from Tighe and Bond and had a question or two but were committed to submitting the plan to the Planning Board by July 23rd.

The plan included an electric easement that Mr. Terry had to sign and have notarize and return to Ms. O'Neill granting the easement. Ms. O'Neill said they are working the remaining issues, deed restrictions, etc. the acquisition funds will be available at the first Construction Step.

The re-purchase option was discussed in the event that the project did not complete.

Ms. O'Neill said the Ms. Maroney was of the opinion that another similar program would easily supplant this effort with a more viable program.

No Vote Taken

Agenda Item #2 ARC Point Brewing

Ms. O'Neill informed us the group was awaiting the final FDA review and comments on the project from Mass Historic. MassDev contracted with Bacon and Wilson in getting the P & S simplified and will be submitting it to us shortly for review.

Agenda Item #3 Berkshire Avenue

Members of the Cultural Council, Historic District, and other Community Members met.

Ms. Turner discussed recent discussions with various stake holders in Town concerning a commercial kitchen anchoring a small business owner collective with artisan shops and co-working spaces being considered for a Town building on Berkshire Ave. They subsequently took steps to form a non-profit the Belchertown Cultural Alliance and will seek grants to repurpose the Town Property.

Ms. Turner said her role was merely a facilitative one and she had not direct involvement in the newly formed alliance. She indicated there was broad interest in performance space in addition to rental potential for some of the building.

Agenda Item # 4 Adjournment

Mr Terry, Moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.
Rich Kump, Seconded.

Voice Vote: Jonathan Spiegel, yes, Kirk Stephens, yes, Bob Rivard, yes, Rich Kump, yes Bill Terry, yes. Voted 5 – 0 – 0

Respectfully submitted



Bob Rivard, Director