

Belchertown EDIC

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2019

Members

Bill Terry ___x___ Jonathan Spiegel ___x___ Rich Kump ___x___
Beth Maroney ___x___ Kirk Stephens ___x___ Bob Rivard ___0___

Media: Pat Barry

Meeting Open __7:00 p.m.__ Selectmen's Meeting Room
Move to Executive Session 7:55 p.m.__

Introduction of Guest, Presenters, Observers:

Claire O'Neill, MassDev

Christopher Eldridge, Arc point

Bill Terry opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that we would conduct our usual business and at the conclusion of the business meeting we would go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, Section 2.1 subsection 6.....to discuss Terms and Conditions of pending proposals.

Agenda Item # 1 - Additions to Agenda

Mr. Spiegel asked to add a discussion on the transfer of the Foley Field/Lake Wallace Conservation Restriction (CR) and finalization of those related matters. He reported that he had discussed transferring the CR with leaders of the Belchertown Land Trust and the Belchertown Conservation Commission from their organizations to the Kestrel Trust. Both Belchertown organizations had agreed and supported this step. He reported that he had also briefed Mr Nick O'Connor, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, on the matter, its history and next steps. Mr Spiegel stated that Mr O'Connor was going to discuss the matter with Mr Ron Aponte, former Chair of the Board of Selectmen, and liaison to the EDIC for many years, since Mr Aponte had a long and deep understanding of the issues and challenges.

Mr. Spiegel indicated that preliminary estimates of the cost to Belchertown for Kestrel to undertake the CR would be in the \$10,000 range, perhaps a bit less. He expected to meet with their staff in the following week. Mr Kump asked why the EDIC was still involved in all this. Mr Spiegel responded that it was his understanding that the EDIC still had standing in the matter but that the underlying facts might require legal steps and should, therefore be best discussed in Executive Session.

Agenda Item # 2 - Development Status.

Ms. O'Neill reported the filing with the EPA for a grant was still under way and delayed a bit by the January Federal shutdown. She further reported that Teigh & Bond is surveying remaining buildings and tunnels to get a current picture of remaining remediation and demolition required. Further, National Grid were in discussions about the cost and timing of running service from Jackson Street along Carriage Way to the junction box at the roundabout and beyond for service to those parcels. There may be grants available through the US Economic Development Administration but the timing might be close.

Ms. O'Neill reported on the water issues near Jackson Street were still to be resolved when the construction season opened again. She reported that Teigh & Bond expected to have an updated development plan ready for the Planning Board to review in 6-8 weeks.

The Board discussed the trail system and walkways signage and a grant given by MassDev for that purpose. The idea of consistent signage throughout the property and generally similar signs for the trails would be preferred.

The topic of security at Carriage Grove after the opening of Carriage Way was discussed. Several aspects were touched on including the impossibility of preventing further incursions and damage to remaining buildings with an open road and the safety issues at Jackson Street. Mr. Spiegel mentioned that he had asked Mr. Steve Williams, DPW Director, to look at the signage needed to properly direct large trucks which might use Carriage Way and land at the George Hannum railroad underpass.

Agenda Item # 2 Adoption of Minutes

Rich Kump motioned to accept the minutes of the January9, 2019 meeting. Mr. Terry seconded. Vote 4-0-1 Mr. Spiegel was out of town.

Agenda Item # 3 – Security

Mr. Stephens reported that Mr. Kuc found the Bakery Building with the basement open. It would be difficult to keep this area closed but he would be working on it.

Agenda Item #5 Adjournment

At the Mr. Terry Moved to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Executive Session at 7:55 PM. .Mr. Stephens Seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Kump yes; Mr Stephens yes; Ms. Maroney yes; Mr. Spiegel yes; Mr. Terry yes.

Respectfully submitted
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman