

Town of Cromwell Redevelopment Agency

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REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2015 ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET <u>MINUTES</u>

Present:

Chairman Joseph Fazekas, Jennifer Donohue, Richard Duffy, Ann Halibozek,

Paul Warenda, Thomas Tokarz

Absent:

Richard Nobile

Also Present:

Stuart Popper, Director of Planning and Development

1. Call to Order

Chairman Joseph Fazekas called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call: The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

Thomas Tokarz made a motion to approve the Agenda, 2nd by Ann Halibozek. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

4. Public Comments

Chairman Fazekas noted there were no public comments.

5. New Business:

Stuart Popper talked about points made by citizens at last month's public hearing. He said that it is best to look at Town owned properties to redevelop since you don't have to ask for the money to purchase the land and that it is difficult to get the public to vote for funds to purchase private property. Members discussed ideas about a sports complex where the tank farm used to be as there is limited development potential for the area since it is in a flood plain. Stuart Popper noted that the land would be a great area for recreational/park development. Discussion was held on the Watrous Park land for a sports complex as the land was donated to the Town for recreational purposes.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Jennifer Donahue was not present at the March 18, 2015 meeting and should be shown as an abstention for the April 15, 2015 motion to approve the March 18, 2015 Minutes.

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Ann Halibozek made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended, 2nd by Paul Warenda, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

7. Commissioner's Comments:

Chairman Fazekas asked to come up with a mission statement that would lead to a draft plan of action. Stuart Popper handed out a template of a mission statement. He said he would modify it to be appropriate for Cromwell's Redevelopment Agency and present a draft at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the importance of the agency as no other board can accomplish what this agency was set up to do. More discussion was held on existing viable properties suitable for redevelopment both privately and Town owned. The members discussed focusing on the river front, town garage area and the Northern Industrial Tier.

8. Adjourn

Ann Halibozek made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM, 2nd by Paul Warenda. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Redevelopment Agency Clerk