## Town of Cromwell Redevelopment Agency Sep JoAn TOWN CROM

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# Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Wednesday September 16, 2020 Room 222 Cromwell Town Hall 41 West Street

## **Meeting Minutes**

Present: Chairman Joe Fazekas, Richard Nobile, Paul Warenda, Ann Halibozek, Bob Donohue

Absent: Kevin Nolan

**Also Present:** Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Town Council Liaison Steve Fortenbach

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Fazekas called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Ann Halibozek to approve the Agenda; seconded by Paul Warenda. *All in favor, motion passed.* 

#### 4. Public Comments

No comment.

#### 5. Old Business

#### a. Cromwell Landing - Pier/Walkway

Mr. Popper said we are going to announce at the end of next week that we have selected a contractor to do the work and it will be a 60-day contract. He explained that the only issues that we are facing is a shortage of steel and wood. Mr. Popper said we are hoping to get all the improvements such as the landscaping, the installation of the walkways, new parking, fencing and concrete foundation for the fishing platform installed while we wait for the steel and wood to arrive.

Mr. Popper explained that we received about 7 bids but the lowest bidder was not qualified. He said the town council approved the selection of the next qualified bid and we just got approval from DEEP to allow us to select the second lowest bid.

## b. Tank Farm - Chevron cleanup

Mr. Popper said the contractor doing the site remediation did a really nice job replacing the section of River Road that was removed for remediation.

### c. Access Rd to River Rd. from 99

Mr. Popper said there is no update. The Commission suggested that this be tabled for future discussion.

## d. 60 and 61 River Road RFQ/RFP

The Commission members and Mr. Popper discussed the status of the proposed development on River Road. The Commission members agreed that the issues around the project need to be resolved and move forward as soon as possible.

## e. Town Wide map of Vacant Properties

Mr. Popper said there is no update.

#### 6. New Business:

Mr. Popper offered the following updates:

- Starbuck's construction continues with the roof installed today.
- The Baci restaurant is now Café Fiore and new owner has applied for a liquor permit.
- There is no news on the status of the Red Lion.
- The Riverdale Cleaners has closed and they are currently seeking a buyer.
- The Amazon building is up and operating and is doing well. There will be an Amazon sign added to the new large sign on the corner.
- The new DPW/Sewer Department facility will likely open in October.
- The Cromwell Children's Coalition has proposed a "drive-thru" Halloween event at public parking lot on Community Field Road for October 17, 2020 from 4pm to 8 pm.

## 7. Approval of Minutes:

**a.** August 19, 2020

Motion made by Paul Warenda to approve the corrected minutes of August 19, 2020 (Bob Donohue was present at the meeting); seconded by Richard Nobile. *All in favor, motion passed.* 

#### 8. Commissioner's Comments:

Chairman Fazekas said that he had received a letter of resignation from Kevin Nolan. He noted that we will have to replace Kevin and asked Mr. Popper to inform the Town Manager of the vacancy.

## 9. Adjourn

Motion made by Paul Warenda to adjourn at 6:59 PM; seconded by Robert Donohue. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle armetta / SBP Michelle Armetta

Recording Clerk