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**Town of Cromwell
Redevelopment Agency**

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**REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2016
ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Joseph Fazekas, Vice Chairman Ann Halibozek, Paul Warenda, Richard Nobile, Jennifer Donohue

Absent: Richard Duffy

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Agency Clerk Sarah Voog

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

The above noted members were present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Richard Nobile made a motion to approve the agenda 2nd by Ann Halibozek.
All in Favor. Motion Passed.

4. Public Comments

Allen Waters of 86 South Street discussed the Connecticut River channel and the existing piers.

5. New Business:

- a. Discussion of Request to Town Council for Funding of Riverfront Study

Stuart Popper said that Joseph Fazekas, Richard Nobile and Jay Polke attended the last Town Council meeting at which the Agency's request for funding of a riverfront study was reviewed. Stuart Popper said they had a favorable review and it was suggested that they put the funding request in the capital improvements line item of their budget. He said he would put it in the budget and present the proposal/budget at the February Town Council meeting. He said the next step would be to present the funding request at the Board of Finance meeting in March. He asked that members

of the Redevelopment Agency be in the audience for that presentation. Discussion was held on the amount of capital to request and it was agreed that 12,000 would be a reasonable figure to cover the study.

Joseph Fazekas inquired of the process if the funds are approved and Stuart Popper said the he and the Town Engineer would discuss the project and determine if it would have to go out for an RFQ or go straight to an RFP. He also commented that the land that runs adjacent to the Mattabassett pipeline, which appears to be a good placement for the road, is actually 100% wetland and is within the 100 year flood plain. He then suggested that there is potential for access just past the existing gate to the park entrance.

Ann Halibozek asked about a Phase 2 study and Stuart Popper said that the request for the Phase II Environment Assessment was for Frisbee Park. The EDC will be submitting the request.

Discussion was held on last week's site walk Stuart Popper had with Sue Bailey of the CT DEEP and two civil engineering firms that specialize in piers and docks. He said that the existing piers are technically considered abandoned. He said there was discussion on building a handicap accessible boardwalk on top of the brownstone wall embankment where people can fish and the access to the river would be more realistic than a permanent pier that juts out over the river. He said that the river current and ice flows in that area would destroy a fixed pier. He said another viable idea could be a handicap accessible cantilevered pier that could be pulled off the river. More discussion was held on the river current and abandoned piers.

Stuart Popper commented that there has been no movement on the Town Garage concept.

6. Approval of Minutes:

- December 16, 2015

Discussion was held on amending the minute to represent Richard Duffy as absent for the 12/16/15 meeting. Members agreed to the proposed amendment.

Richard Nobile made a motion to approve the 12/16/15 meeting minutes as amended, 2nd by Ann Halibozek.

All in Favor. Motion Passed.

7. Commissioner's Comments:

Chairman Fazekas asked if there were and Commissioner's Comments. Richard Nobile commented that he is interested in how the Town Council is going to respond to both the EDC's and this Agency's proposals for funding.

Discussion was held on the attendance of Richard Duffy at the meetings and that the Agency is already down one member since Thomas Tokarz had to resign as a member to serve on the Town Council. Stuart Popper said he would send a memo to the Town Manager to ask to have the vacant position asking Richard Duffy if he wishes to continue serving on the board. Richard Duffy if he wishes to continue serving on the board.

8. Adjourn

Ann Halibozek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM, 2nd by Richard Nobile.

All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah A. Voog".

Sarah A. Voog
Redevelopment Agency Clerk