

South Hadley Redevelopment Authority

Minutes of meeting of March 23,2016

Present: Tony Judge, Imad Zubi, Frank DeToma, Diane LaRoche, Kathy McCabe

Minutes of 3/9/2016 accepted as written

Further discussion was given to the idea of an “experience economy” in South Hadley Falls. A biking/walking path could offer connections to other parts of South Hadley and a recreational outlet for residents and visitors. Main and Bridge Street corner could serve as a commercial node when the land is consolidated and developed. Other discussion addressed the need for sidewalk and roadway improvements, especially in the neighborhoods to the east of Lamb Street.

A suggestion was offered that a summer jobs program for youth in South Hadley Falls could be a component of redevelopment. Such a program might involve landscaping of public areas such as the FMSmith Park, Police Station, Town Hall, etc.. The goal would be to improve the appearance of the public spaces in the Falls. This would be a low-cost, high-visibility effort that would enhance the area and provide jobs for local teens. (Conway School of Landscape Design might be a partner in such a program by providing design and planting advice.)

The progress of the Redevelopment Plan will be presented at the Know Your Town meeting on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectboard meeting room of Town Hall.

The Redevelopment Authority will meet on Tuesday, April 12 and Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Public Library.

This meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m. DML