

South Hadley Redevelopment Authority

Minutes of meeting April 21, 2016

Present; Frank DeToma, Win Lavallee, Imad Zubi, Tony Judge, Diane LaRoche, Kathy McCabe

Called to order 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of 3/9/2016 unanimously accepted.

Frank DeToma and Tony Judge spoke about their meeting with Mr. Jim Lavelle from Holyoke Gas&Electric. Mr. Lavelle talked about the security concerns around the dam at South Hadley Falls and how those concerns dictate use of the riverfront. HG&E may be open to the idea of a bike path along the river.

Frank, Tony, and Richard Harris (Town Planner) met with Marcos Morerro from Holyoke to discuss potential connections or collaborations between Holyoke and South Hadley. Possible connections to Holyoke should be mentioned in the Redevelopment Plan.

Frank spoke about concerns that the Appropriations Committee has concerning the warrant article to designate \$90,000 for the Redevelopment Authority at Town Meeting on May 11. The RA should be prepared to give a budget presentation, talk about the timetable for redevelopment, and explain how the \$90K would be spent.

Tony Judge proposed that a 2nd consultant might be hired to assist in carrying out the day-to-day tasks of the RA. A job description will need to be developed, and a list of possible tasks such as deed research, management of youth employment.

Brownfields update: Massachusetts has a Brownfields Fund that the RA might access if the EPA grant is not received.

Imad Zubi's term on the RA expires June 30,2016. He will accept reappointment and will be nominated at the upcoming Town Meeting.

Next meeting to be determined later adjourned 8:20 p.m.