

South Hadley Redevelopment Authority

Minutes of meeting of October 12, 2016

Note: prior to this scheduled meeting. The Redevelopment Authority met with the Bike/Walk Committee at 6:00 p.m. The Bike/Walk Committee (BWC) will inform the Selectboard that the BWC and the Redevelopment Authority are working to coordinate plans for biking and walking interests in the Falls. The Committees agree that there is need for traffic calming in the Falls, safety issues with Beachgrounds crossings need to be addressed, sidewalks on both sides of streets in SHFalls should be maintained, and that the BWC and RA should advocate for performance standards rather than specific plans. The BWC and RA will support each others' efforts whenever possible.

The RA also met with the Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the daylighting of Buttery Brook. Frank DeToma reminded both groups that the idea of daylighting the brook was also a component of the SDAT Plan. Kathy McCabe said that her early conversations with the DEP Western Regional Office have been favorable. Concerns raised by the Cons. Comm. Included the need to obtain easements from property owners, long-term and on-going maintenance issues, and costs of such a project. The RA will keep open communication with the Conservation Commission on this matter.

Called to order 8:18 p.m. present: Frank DeToma, Tony Judge, Imad Zubi, Win Lavallee, Kathy McCabe, Diane LaRoche

RA members were informed of a grant opportunity; Collaborative Workspace Program Grant application deadline is October 24.

There will be a second meeting with representatives from EInk on Thursday, Oct. 13, 3:30 p.m. at the Public Library re: FMSmith Park landscape plan

The second application for a Brownfields Assessment Grant has been denied.

A question was raised concerning the possibility of seeking a non-profit 501(c) 3 status to allow the RA to apply for certain sources of funding.

There will be a meeting of the Mass Economic Development Council on Friday, October 28 in Gardner MA that RA members may be interested in attending.

No date set for next meeting at this time adjourned 9:01 p.m.