

South Hadley Redevelopment Authority

November 9, 2016 Minutes

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

Call to order: 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of October 12, 2016 approved and accepted unanimously.

Letter received from the Planning Board Chair regarding recommended roles of the Redevelopment Authority in Master Plan Implementation.(letter is attached) The letter was read and discussed by the RA. Kathy McCabe advised that a housing production plan should be under the Planning Board's authority. Distinction between Affordable Housing vs. Fair Housing was pointed out. It was suggested that the Redevelopment Plan should include a Fair Housing component.

The RA and Redevelopment Plan will be on the agenda for the Selectboard meeting on November 15th. Selectboard would like to know about the anticipated benefits of implementing the Plan. Kathy McCabe has prepared a draft handout which summarizes the benefits; draft was examined for comments by the RA.

What are our next steps?

1. Choose a date for the next Advisory Committee meeting (tentatively set for December 14, 2016)
2. Submit draft of Redevelopment Plan to Mass DHCD for comments
3. Hold a public hearing to present plan.

Next meetings tentatively set for 11/15 and 11/30. Adjourned 9:05p.m.

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October 27, 2016

TO: Frank DeToma, Chair and Members of the
Affordable Housing Trust c/o South Hadley Redevelopment Authority

CC: Master Plan Implementation Committee

SUBJECT: Status of Master Plan Recommended Actions

The 2010 Master Plan is now 6 years old and the Planning Board has been meeting to review the status of the Implementation Recommendations. We are pleased to be informed that many of the recommended actions have been considered and pursued in one fashion or another. Recognizing that communities should update their Master Plan every 5-10 years, the Planning Board is beginning the process of preparing for that task. The first step is to review and prioritize those Recommended Actions which not been implemented and identify which of those were the most significant that should be given priority for the next 5 years.

Attached is the portion of the Implementation Matrix related to your Board/Department which identifies what the Planning Board feels are the most significant Recommended Actions needing priority attention over the next 5 years.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these with you and get your feedback. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Town Planner Richard Harris. He can also schedule you to attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss this matter if you wish to do so.

Sincerely,

Jeff Squire,
Chair

Master Plan Recommended Action – Housing Trust – TOP PRIORITIES			
The Selectboard has appointed the Redevelopment Authority to serve as the Housing Trust.			
Update the database for the Housing Production Plan once the 2010 Census data is available.	Underway by PVPC	H-1 1-1-1	
Develop a dedicated funding source for planning and development of affordable housing opportunities.		H-1 1-2-2	
<i>SIMILAR:</i> Establish a dedicated funding source to further affordable housing efforts, including reconsideration of adopting the Community Preservation Act.		H-4 4-1-2	
Create a Fair Housing Committee, possibly as a subcommittee under the Municipal Housing Trust.		H-3 3-1-1	