

Economic & Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016

Councillor Darcy, Chair called meeting to order at 7pm.

The Clerk took roll call.

Attendance: Fowler, Waddick, Darcy, Logan, Vidal

Absent: None

Chairman Darcy read the first agenda regarding the temporary surplus of space at the WCC for the Dual Language Program. Councillor Vidal moved to hear from an off committee member. All were in favor. Chairman Darcy invited Dr. Echelson, School Superintendent to speak on the matter. Councillor Waddick moved to approve the request of temporary surplus. All were in favor and the matter was approved.

Chairman Darcy read the next agenda: Rail Trail Resolution. Councillor Vidal moved to suspend rules to hear from an off committee member. All were in favor.

Councillor Fowler spoke on the resolution and asked the Mayor her thoughts on pursue CPA funding for this project? With 25% of plan in place (Through CPA) we could get state funding.

The Mayor explained you would need a formal commitment from someone to pay for the entire project. There is the possibility to work with Dan Driscoll and the state has to have interest in the land. They were going to supply materials. There are areas along tracks (Linden St. where work is needed to be done on bridges; DOT)

Councilor Fowler mentioned Rail Forge could possibly be an option for rail removal etc.

The Mayor stated she has been in touch with Councillor O'Brien about the rail trail and she has a meeting with people that should be able to answer some of these questions within the month.

Councillor O'Brien spoke on the matter. In DOT the state stopped using the railway. There is a risk in taking the bridge down over 128 – that is not being used. Weston has indicated they would like us to put up housing on 128.

The Mayor stated it is a public/private partnership. Dan Driscoll has done a great job getting the easements and the abutter impact and being in communication with the property owners along the river.

Councillor Waddick spoke on the matter.

Councillor Fowler asked the Mayor to communicate in writing to the committee what she finds out at her meeting regarding the rail trail.

Councillor Logan spoke on the matter.

Councillor Logan moved to table the matter. All were in favor. Resolution was tabled in committee.

Councillor Vidal moved to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Darcy read the third item on the agenda: Wireless Resolution.

Councillor Fowler spoke on the resolution. It is the twenty-first century and time to approve this and to make the resolution happen. Councillor Fowler made a motion to accept the resolve of the resolution. All were in favor. The resolve was approved by a voice vote.

Chairman Darcy moved that the meeting was adjourned at 7:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 29, 2016