

Newburyport Redevelopment Authority
City Council Chambers
January 8, 2019
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Bob Uhlig called a meeting of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Bob Uhlig, David St. Cyr and Andy Sidford. Leslie Eckholdt was absent.

3. Update on the Dumpster and Recycling Enclosure

The planned expansion of the dumpster enclosure is on hold until the spring.

4. Central Waterfront Parcel Disposition

- The sale of 25 Water Street to the Maritime Society has been finalized. The deed for land behind the Custom House - Lots D, B and E - has been filed.
- Between the river and the Custom House land is a parcel of registered land - Lot C - for which no certificate of title had been issued to the NRA. Kathleen O'Donnell will file a petition that would allow the parcel to be sold to the City.
- The next step in the parcel disposition process would be the sale of the submerged tidelands jointly to the City and the Waterfront Trust. Kathleen O'Donnell will prepare the draft deed.
- The deeds for the transfer of three parcels of registered land along Water Street to the Waterfront Trust have now all been signed and will be forwarded to Grace Connolly. These parcels should have been transferred years ago and were not due to a clerical error.

5. Treasurer's Report

The account balances were not available. A payment will be due for the insurance policy, which must be updated. Andy Sidford moved to approve payments totaling \$5,163.30 for invoices from ESS in the amount of \$3,121.70 for the west lot AUL; Gretchen Joy in the amount of \$150 for minute taking for the January 8 meeting; Gretchen and Tom Joy in the amount of \$191.60 for Pop Up Park maintenance and supplies; and Mackie Shea in the amount of \$1,700 for legal services. David St. Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Minutes

Andy Sidford moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018, meeting. David St. Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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7. Other Business

A spotlight on side of the Chamber of Commerce visitor building that faces the parking lot could be more attractive. Bob Uhlig will meet with Frank Cousins before the next meeting.

8. Public Comment

Elizabeth Heath commented that if the NRA were to set and meet timelines for the transfer of the remaining parcels, an end might be made to the movement by some members of City Council to transfer the land to the City under the Home Rule Petition.

9. Adjournment

Andy Sidford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. David St. Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The next meeting of the NRA will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019.