

Newburyport Redevelopment Authority
City Council Chambers
March 12, 2014
Minutes

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Tom Salemi.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members James Shanley, Tom Salemi, Adam Guild and Patty Dorfman. Carol Powers was also in attendance.

3. Mission Statement

Patty Dorfman read the mission statement.

4. Minutes

James Shanley moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting as submitted. Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Patty Dorfman moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting as submitted. James Shanley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

Adam Guild said the balance in the checking account is \$2,495.33 and the balance in the money market account is \$152,767.04.

A check was received from Not Your Average Joe's in the amount of \$250 for dumpster area rent for March. Two checks were received from Mass Development in the amounts of \$1,980 and \$14,060 for reimbursement for the borings.

Adam Guild moved to approve a payment to National Grid in the amount of \$292.50 for service in February. James Shanley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

James Shanley moved to approve a payment of \$300 for minute taking for the February and March meetings. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tom Salemi moved to approve the payment of an invoice from Carol Powers for legal services for the fourth quarter of 2012, 2013 and the first quarter of 2014. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. General Business

Geordie Vining discussed the options for connecting a sewer line to the proposed Harbormaster's facility. He said the shortest and most economical route would be through the New England Development property. He has sent sketches to the company for review, but he has not yet learned if an easement would be granted.

A second option would be to run the line through the NRA property. The City has not yet determined if this would be the most viable route. The AUL applies to any disturbance more than two feet under the surface. It would not prohibit the work but would dictate the steps that must be taken. This route could be \$50,000 to \$70,000 more expensive than other alternatives due to soil disposal costs. Mr. Vining asked the NRA to approve a plan to extend the sewer line through its property in concept, provided the work adheres to the requirements of the AUL. The members asked him to first explore other options and return for further discussion if none are viable.

Mr. Vining also described the plans for the siting of the proposed Harbormaster's facility. He said in order to accommodate the new structure the fishermen's monument might be moved to the adjacent brick plaza. New planters and benches would be added. James Shanley moved to accept the relocation of the monument in concept. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Applications

Cheryl Munick and Tom Fusick presented applications for events during Yankee Homecoming. The Battle of the Bands would be held on Friday, July 25 under the tent that would be used for the Brewfest the following evening. High school students in seven bands would perform between 5:00 and 9:30 p.m. Approximately 800 tickets would be sold to the Brewfest and pouring would end at 8:30 p.m. Both events would be covered under the Yankee Homecoming insurance policy. The insurance certificate will be provided after the policy has been renewed later in the spring.

James Shanley moved to approve the application for the Battle of the Bands contingent upon the receipt of the certificate of insurance. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

James Shanley moved to approve the application for the Brewfest contingent upon the receipt of the certificate of insurance. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Waterfront Trust Issues

Carol Powers said the AUL amendment would be filed as soon as the survey plan has been recorded. The Dumpster will be moved to its new location after the weather has improved.

9. Public Comment

Sandy Small asked if the NRA would be able to accept the report prepared by the Committee for an Open Waterfront. The members responded it would not be appropriate to accept the document in its current form.

10. Adjournment

James Shanley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.