

Newburyport Redevelopment Authority
Newburyport Public Library
April 13, 2011
Minutes

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair James Shanley.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members James Shanley, John Morris, Patty Dorfman and Adam Guild.

3. Public Comment

None

4. DEP Tier II Status

James Shanley said Weston and Sampson has completed its work. Nothing but typical fill was found. A full report should be received soon. The Mass. Development grant application will be amended to include the cost of the testing.

5. Not Your Average Joe's Dumpster

James Shanley said Carol Powers has reported that progress with the dumpster agreement is slowing being made.

6. Plan for Paid Parking

James Shanley said he is working with Geordie Vining on an instructional video about paid parking. The NRA has received a signed copy of the agreement to change the distribution of the permit spaces between the east and west lots. The requested changes to the wording on the signs have been made. Work on the east lot has begun. According to Richard Jones, the parking plan is to be in effect by May 9. Adam Guild will represent the NRA on the parking advisory committee. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on April 14.

7. Proposal by Abramson Associates

Adam Guild said he is waiting for comments from Andy Port on Barry Abramson's proposal. After they have been received he and John Morris will schedule a conference call with Mr. Abramson. He said the team found the proposal to be ambiguous in some areas and should be made clearer by fuller descriptions of specific tasks. Also, the proposal should include more deliverables. James Shanley said he thinks a real estate analysis is an important task for Mr. Abramson to undertake. He would like Adam and John to develop a list of deliverables.

8. Review of Time Line

The time line will be reviewed at the next meeting. Barry Abramson will be asked for completion dates for each step in his proposal.

9. Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report. ND Landscape has submitted its annual contract. The amount of the contract was slightly more than the previous year because more work was done. Patty Dorfman moved to approve a payment of \$4,700 to ND Landscape, Inc. Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Approval of Minutes

Adam Guild moved to approve the minutes of the March 30 meeting as submitted. Patty Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. General Business

James Shanley said he has informed Paul Hogg that this is the last year the NRA will allow the City floats to be stored on NRA land.

James Shanley said he plans to attend a conference later this month on managing risk in the face of rising sea levels. The Urban Land Institute is hosting the conference.

12. Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting of the NRA is scheduled for April 27. Patty Dorfman said she would not be able to attend and requested that the date be changed. The meeting will take place on either April 25 or 28 depending on the availability of the other members.

13. Adjournment

Patty Dorfman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50. Adam Guild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.