

East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee
Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2010
Town Office Annex
Minutes

Present: W. Philip Barlow, Randy Dill, William Gerrish, Michael Gionta, Mary Ellen Klinck, Lisa McNellis

W. Gerrish called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

W. Gerrish asked R. Dill to substitute for Wm. Brady and Mary Ellen Klinck for Melanie Kolek.

Minutes from the January 5, 2010 meeting were accepted by the committee.

Old Business

M. Gionta summarized activity impacting the business of the committee since its last meeting. On January 20th, the Board of Selectman approved the committee's vision and moved the committee's request for \$7500 to secure the services of a designer for a schematic land use plan for town owned property in East Haddam village. On February 8, 2010, the Board of Finance approved the committee's request for \$7500.

New Business

Draft RFQ

The committee reviewed a draft RFQ for a schematic land use plan for town owned property in East Haddam village prepared by W. Barlow. Mr. Barlow's draft was put into a RFQ template by W. Gerrish. The committee made several edits to the draft. M. Gionta moved and ME. Klinck seconded that the changes be incorporated into the current draft for one final review by the committee and then submitted to the Selectman's office for posting, advertising, and dissemination of the RFQ. W. Gerrish will make the changes. Specific vendors the committee wants the RFQ to be sent to will be sent to W. Gerrish by the committee.

Fuss & O'Neill

The town received a communication concerning development in the East Haddam Village from Ted DeSantos of Fuss & O'Neill which was forwarded to the committee. The committee decided that the RFQ should be sent to Fuss & O'Neill.

Spring 2010 Events Magazine

Calls for submissions to the Spring 2010 Events Magazine have been made. The committee agreed that an article should be submitted describing the committee's work and vision for the Village site. W. Gerrish will submit a draft to the committee for their review prior to submission for publication.

FOI Training

W. Gerrish informed the committee of a Freedom of Information workshop sponsored by the Town of East Haddam on March 30th, 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall. The workshop will be conducted by the State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission.

New Member Application

It was noted that there is currently a vacancy on the committee. The committee reviewed the application of Eric Sabetta to serve on the committee. W. Gerrish moved and M. Gionta seconded that the committee recommend to the First Selectman that Randy Dill be appointed from an Alternate to Regular member of the committee, and Eric Sabetta appointed to Alternate member.

Audience of Citizens

Michael Harris invited the committee to attend a presentation by James Howard Kunstler on Saturday, March 6th at the Gelston House from 4-8 pm. Mr. Kunstler will talk about peak oil, building places worth caring about and community. The talk is sponsored by the Earth Charter Community of the Lower Valley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm (Randy Dill moved, Mary Ellen second, All in favor)