

East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee
Meeting
Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Minutes

DRAFT

Committee Members Present: Bill Gerrish (Chairman), Melanie Kolek (Secretary), Randy Dill, Will Brady, Bob Casner

Others in Attendance: Emmett Lyman, Jim Curtin

Absent: Mike Gionta

Mr. Gerrish called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Approval of agenda
Casner/Dill

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of minutes
No previous minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Gerrish gave a history of the work the committee has done since its inception in 2008, including review of other projects, surveys, and feedback from contractors when an RFP was done. Mr. Lyman reported that Goodspeed has told the Economic Development Commission (EDC) that it was interested in the property for various uses. Mr. Casner stated that EDC was told by the Department of Transportation that the only access to the property that may work is through the old Sweet Shop building. A new appraisal done since the Harrall report indicated that without remediation of any type, the property is worth \$850,000. There was discussion questioning whether or not any grants existed to improve upon the property. Mrs. Kolek asked if Goodspeed had any formalized request for what it would like to do with the property and if it could be involved in the discussion, maybe attending the next meeting once scheduled. There was discussion about that to determine their extent of interest, even in the short term.

There was discussion regarding environmental testing done on the property. Motion by Mr. Gerrish to recommend to the EDC that it move forward with environmental testing of the town garage area. Mr. Brady seconded.

MOTION CARRIED

Next steps:

Mr. Brady discussed getting the historical commission involved in the discussion. Mr. Gerrish will create a meeting calendar with locations to be determined.

Audience of Citizens
None.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Casner. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Motion to reconvene made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Casner. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Brady to accept Jim Curtin as regular member of committee, seconded by Mr. Gerrish. MOTION CARRIED

Motion to readjourn made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Casner 9:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED