

East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee
November 28, 2018
DRAFT Minutes

Members Present; Randy Dill (acting chair) Melanie Kolek, Jim Curtin, Bob Casner, Emmett Lyman, J.T. Smith; Randy Dill, Mark Walter. Will Brady arrived at 7:44 p.m. Bill Gerrish was absent.

Mr. Smith was seated as a voting member in place of Mr. Gionta. Mr. Walters was seated as a voting member in place of Mr. Brady until his arrival.

Call to order 7:35 pm

Agenda Approval Motion made by Mr. Curtin; Seconded by Mr. Casner.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes (October 24, 2018) Motion made by Mr. Curtin; second by Mr. Casner.

Motion carried.

First Selectman Update

Mr. Lyman discussed the storm damage and FEMA thresholds being met for the same. Bridges on Route 82 are almost complete. There was discussion regarding the grants for clean -p and bridge walkway construction.

Review of Draft RFQ

Mr. Dill discussed the subcommittee's work on the RFQ leading up to the version reviewed by the committee at the meeting.

There was substantial discussion regarding changes to the draft RFQ. There were questions as to whether the document drafted was an RFQ or an RFP, including the costs associated with responding to the requested information. Also discussed was the timing of sending out of the RFQ pending environmental answers and about whether to have a familiarization event first before proceeding with an RFQ.

Patrick McMahan's review of the RFQ

There was discussion about incorporating questions and concerns from Mr. McMahan of Main Street into the RFQ. The committee spent considerable time working through his proposals and will incorporate the consensus answers into the final RFQ.

Audience of Citizens

Jeff Reilly applauded the decision to revise the document to an RFQ, stating expenses would have been too great for a developer unless they feel assured they were preferred. He also mentioned the land ownership versus leasing option as well as access to the property.

Next steps

Distribution of RFQ - Goal to finish it within the month. Get to Board of Selectman by 1/5, developers by 1/19. Email review and vote most likely forthcoming.

There was discussion about the charge of the committee.

Schedule of Meetings:

December 12, 2018 next meeting

November 27, 2019 – meeting changed to November 20, 2019

December 25, 2019 – meeting changed to December 18, 2019

Adjournment 9:09 p.m.

Mr. Walters made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Casner.

Motion carried.