

East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee
February 27, 2019
Meeting
DRAFT Minutes

Members Present: Bill Gerrish (chair), J.T. Smith, Jim Curtin, Randy Dill and Will Brady.
Melanie Kolek, Bob Casner and Mark Walter were absent.

Call to order 7:34 pm

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes (January 23, 2019) Motion made by Mr. Curtin; second by Mr. Dill.

Motion carried.

First Selectman Update

Mr. Lyman and Ms. Zemieniensi stated that the town attorney has reviewed the REFQ and upon the committee's approval, the RFQ will be ready to be sent to potential applicants.

Status of RFQ

The committee agreed that upon our comments tonight, the RFQ is final and shall go out as planned.

Mr. Brady raised the question if the River House is on the National Historic Register as a single entity. Department of Interior website lists National Historic Register buildings. East Haddam Village is a nationally recognized historical district but unclear if the River House is as a standalone item.

Mr. Gerrish stated that it is his understanding that Patrick McMahon of Connecticut Main Street will distribute a link to the RFQ through his communication channels. Mr. Gerrish will contact Mr. McMahon to coordinate distribution details with Linda Z.

Motion made by Mr. Curtin that the RFQ is final and ready for publication subject to coordination with the town and Connecticut Main Street; Seconded by Mr. Brady.

Motion carried.

Site Visit

Scheduled for March 28th, 2019. Mr. Gerrish stated that a familiarization event would have been valuable to potential developers but at this point doesn't see that happening. Mr. Smith suggested that a familiarization event could still be beneficial around the time of the RFP distribution. Linda Z believes that Jim Ventres and Ron Turner should be the stewards of the site visit in order for proper and equal communication. All questions by developers need to be submitted in writing and answers will be posted and available to all attendees of the site visit. Linda Z will add the location of the site visit to page 2 on the RFQ.

Other Business

Mr. Dill stated in the absence of activity on the site would it be possible to charge some sort of parking fee to generate some revenues to the town. Mr. Lyman stated that once you start charging a fee you assume certain liabilities. He would want a lawyer to look at the situation before any consideration is made. Mr. Curtin stated that an agreement could be made with nearby businesses to contribute to maintenance costs.

Audience of Citizens

Next regular meeting: March 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the EH Municipal Office Building.

Adjournment 8:29 p.m.

Mr. Brady made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Curtin.

Motion carried.