

East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee
May 22, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill Gerrish (chair), Melanie Kolek, Jim Curtin, Randy Dill, Will Brady (7:33 p.m.), and Bob Casner (7:39 p.m.). J.T. Smith and Mark Walter was absent.

Call to order 7:31 pm

Agenda Approval Motion made by Mr. Dill; Seconded by Mrs. Kolek.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes (April 24, 2019)

Tabled.

Review of RFQ Selection Process

Mr. Gerrish stated the only submitted RFQ has not yet been reviewed by the Committee. There was discussion about the last meeting's motion wherein it was recommended that the RFQ be resubmitted because at least one interested party could not attend the mandatory walk-through.

Mr. Curtin again said that it was a mistake to have a mandatory site visit as a condition of RFQ submittal. Mr. Dill said that it would be helpful to ascertain whether other developers would come forward now. Mrs. Kolek discussed her hesitancy to move forward with looking at the submitted RFQ without a decision being made on the reissuing the RFQ.

There was discussion about moving into executive session for the RFQ and the concerns of doing so in light of the mandatory walk-through requirement and reopening. Language in the RFQ was highlighted wherein it gives the Town the right to re-advertise for additional proposals.

Motion to recommend to the Board of Selectman to reissue and re-advertise the RFQ, made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mrs. Kolek. Motion Carried.

Expected reissue date is June 14th and the Office of the Selectman will run new timelines with the goal to have new submissions submitted within sixty (60) days. The committee will review the revised dates once proposed. The Office of the First Selectman will reach out to Mr. Reilly for discussion regarding the reissuance.

Next Steps

Mr. Dill stated that the responsibility of selecting a developer rests with the EHVRC committee. The committee by charge has the responsibility to make the recommendations with the option to consult with others as needed. It is charged to, "(t)o interview interested developers and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen." The consensus was that the committee would get input in putting forth a recommendation to the Board of Selectman as needed.

There was discussion regarding the RFP process and that the committee would draft the same the way it did before with the RFQ.

Audience of Citizens

There was discussion about the cost share and option for grants for upgrades to the bridge.

Next regular meeting: June 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the EH Municipal Office Building, Room 1.

Adjournment 8:31 p.m.

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

Motion carried.