

**East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee**  
**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Special Meeting**  
**DRAFT Minutes**

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

Also in Attendance: Emmet Lyman, First Selectman

**Call to order 7:30 pm**

**Agenda Approval** Motion made by Mr. Casner; Seconded by Mr. Dill.

**Motion carried.**

**Status of RFQ**

Mr. Lyman stated that he talked to Jeff Riley about the Committee's recommendation to reissue the RFQ. Mr. Riley was upset by the decision and indicated he followed the town's process to submit the application and invested a significant amount of time and money to prepare the submittal. Mr. Riley asked if anyone had looked at his submittal and to which Mr. Lyman indicated no. Mr. Lyman said that Mr. Riley expressed concerns that he would be able to maintain the support of his investors and continue with his application as a result of the extra time required by reissuing the RFQ.

Mr. Lyman stated that the one party that indicated they were interested but unable to attend the mandatory site visit has had no subsequent contact with the committee or selectmen.

Mr. Gerrish stated that the decision at last week's meeting had nothing to do with Mr. Riley's submittal and was rather based on an effort to address a flaw in the RFQ requiring mandatory attendance at the site visit. Mr. Dill stated the reason the committee issued an RFQ rather than RFP was also based on Mr. Riley's comments that the RFQ required less time and money upfront.

Mr. Casner stated that with any project, investors like to see things moving. He also stated that Mr. Riley is an active member of the East Haddam community and that the committee should consider moving forward with his submittal. Mr. Smith and Mr. Curtin both echoed Mr. Casner's thoughts.

Motion made by Mr. Casner to rescind their previous recommendation to the Selectmen to reissue RFQ; Seconded by Mr. Smith. Casner, Smith, Curtin & Gerrish in favor. Dill & Brady against.

**Motion passes.**

Motion made by Mr. Brady to move to Executive Session with Committee Members and the First Selectmen to review RFQ submittal by Mr. Riley; Seconded by Mr. Smith.

**Motion carried.**

Motion made by Mr. Casner to come out of Executive Session. No motions or decisions were made during the session; Seconded by Mr. Dill.

**Motion carried.**

Motion made by Mr. Brady to hold Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm and ask 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen, on the committee's behalf, to invite Mr. Riley and Chair of the Board of Finance to attend. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

**Motion carried.**

**Adjournment 9:26 p.m.**

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

**Motion carried.**