

TRA Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 4pm

The National 9 Taunton Green Taunton

Members Present:

Dennis Ackerman-Consultant to the TRA

Ed Correira

Chris Coute

Manuel Spencer

Members Absent:

Larry Silvia

Jeff Pagliuca

Item #1

- Review & Approve minutes of November 30, 2022
- No December Meeting
- Mr Coute motioned to approve the minutes of November 30, 2022 and was seconded by Mr Spencer; there were no corrections; Motion Passed unanimously

Item #2

- Update on Urban Renewal Plan
- Mr Correira & Mr Ackerman updated the progress of the bi-weekly meeting with Stantec Urban Renewal Plan expected to be completed by end of April or early May; draft report to be scheduled with the citizen group in March 2023

Item #3

- Update on Northeastern Student Reed & Barton Project-Final presentation discussion
- A PDF is available, and a hard copy report is in presentation

Item #4

- Discuss submittal of a future Northeastern student project
- The TRA will be submitting a project to Northeastern

Item #5

- Harvey Street property request
- Next step with the city to get it decided over

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- TRA members discussed the need for Attorney Brennan to work with the city law office to transfer the property to the TRA
- Mr Correira indicated that he will contact the City Procurement Officer for the means of advertisement for an engineer to survey the Harvey Street property.
- Mr Coute volunteered the draft a scope of services for the advertisement of the engineer

Item #6

- Discuss Mass Development Loan/Grant Programs
- A lengthy discussion was held going over several programs
- Mr Pagliuca sent an email listing website for Mass Development Loan/Grant Programs

Item #7

- Other Business
- Mr Ackerman brought up that council woman Borges had referred to the council committee on property - the possibility of transferring the present Health Building on 45 School St and the Fire Prevention Building located at 75 Oak St
- Mr Ackerman brought forth that his contract expires on January 31, 2023
- After an executive session, in public meeting, properly voted to renew Mr Ackerman contact with adjustments
- Mr Ackerman was not present at the executive session

Item #8

- Next meeting date February 22, 2023

Item #9

- A motion made and seconded and approved to adjourn at 5:10pm