

GRA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

115 Pleasant Street, Hubbard Conference Room 203, Gardner, MA 01440

Members present: Ronald Cormier-Chairman, Neil Janssens, M. Paul Carlberg, and Trevor Beauregard.

Members absent: *Paul Tassone and Timothy Horrigan.*

Also present: Christine Fucile, and Maribel Cruz.

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Call to Order:

Mr. Cormier, Chairman, called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

1. Minutes:

✓ Vote to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2019.

Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

N. Janssens/P. Carlberg.

Vote – All in favor.

2. Old Business :

2.1 Urban Renewal Plans:

■ **Downtown:**

Nothing new to report at this time.

■ **Mill Street:**

Nothing new to report at this time.

2.2 140 South Main Street:

M. Cruz stated there is additional surveying needed to the southern-most corners of the off-site building that immediately abuts the subject site to the west/southwest that is also along the steep bank adjacent to the stream channel. This should take place next week.

T. Beauregard thought a scope of services should be provided at this time even though additional surveying is being done.

2.3 Industrial Park Study:

T. Beauregard questioned if the wetlands delineation plan was received yet. M. Cruz replied not at this time.

T. Beauregard asked about MassDevelopment grant funding. M. Cruz answered this will be sometime in late April, early May.

2.4 Summit Industrial Park:

T. Beauregard commented he showed Lots 3A and 3B to an interested party last week, and hope to hear back from them.

3. New Business:

3.1 Financials for Accounts and Investments:

Motion to accept financials as presented.

P. Carlberg/N. Janssens.

Vote - All in favor.

4. Announcements / Notices / Articles / Special Events:

N. Janssens mentioned the Monty Tech Superintendents Dinner, and inquired if the GRA is interested in attending again. After a short discussion, it was agreed to attend, and to set aside a table of ten.

Chris will contact Monty Tech Superintendents office to make sure an invitation is sent out.

Motion to attend Monty Tech Superintendents Dinner and reserve a table of ten.

N. Janssens/P. Carlberg.

Vote - All in favor.

- Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 8:45 a.m. It was agreed to change the meeting to March 25, 2020 at 8:45 a.m. due to conflicts in schedules.
- Upcoming Chamber events were provided.
- Gardner Square Two, Inc. “Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony”.

Motion to attend event.

P. Carlberg/ N. Janssens.

Vote - All in favor.

Adjournment

Executive Session (if required)

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss and vote on possible real estate transactions as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the GRA, and potential and ongoing legal issues, and not to reconvene in open session.

N. Janssens/P. Carlberg.

Vote- All in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

R. Cormier, yes; N. Janssens, yes; P. Carlberg, yes.

Count - 3 yes.

The GRA went into Executive Session at 9:13 a.m.

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