## MINUTES OF THE MEETING WAREHAM REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 Meeting held room 27, Town Hall

Meeting called to order by Chair Butler at 9:15

# WRA

### I. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Judith Whiteside

Selectman Representative

Kenneth Buckland

Planning Director

Dan Butler

Chairman, Citizen at Large

Derek Sullivan

Town Administrator (arrived at 9:45)

Not present:

Ronald Besse

Selectman Representative

#### II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION** made by Selectman Whiteside, seconded by Clerk Buckland to accept the minutes of August 11, 2022 and September 1, 2022

Vote: 3-0-0 (unanimous)

#### III. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

- 1. Update on Wareham Village Urban Renewal Planning
  - A. Mass DOT participation
  - B. Mass Coastal Railroad participation

For both items A and B the Authority will work closely with Selectman Slavin, as he has a working relationship with the bodies.

C. Workshop with Planning Board

Mr. Buckland will try and schedule a joint meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The meeting will be hybrid

2. Discussion of Reinvestment Plan for 2023

The Authority will discuss at future meeting

- 3. Discussion and possible vote on:
  - A. Putting out an RFP for Design Services for a pedestrian crossing of RR tracks at Merchants Way.

In order to encourage use of the Agawam River behind Merchants Way there must be a safe and legal way to cross the railroad tracks

**MOTION** made by Selectman Whiteside, seconded by Clerk Buckland to issue said RFP. Mr. Buckland will pursue.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

- B. Letting contract to redo sign and paint façade of the Office Building at Tremont Nail Factory
  - The Authority took no action on this, but agreed to pursue funding from Community Preservation Funds.
- C. Putting out an RFP for Slum and Blight Study of the East Wareham Commercial Corridor

Members discussed the need for an official documentation of the conditions on the route 6 and 28 area, currently under construction by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Many businesses were impacted by the ro A Slum and Blight Study is the first step in acquiring grants.

**MOTION**: made by Selectman Whiteside, seconded by Clerk Buckland to issue an RFP for a Slum and Blight Study for the Route 6 and 28 commercial corridor in East Wareham.

VOTE 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

#### IV. REPORT FROM THE PLANNING DIRECTOR

Mr. Buckland reported the public hearings about WVI, presented by Emily Innes, have held so far have ben sparsely attended, but have garnered some very interesting comments, suggestions and concerns.

Another public hearing, with presentation by Innes, to be held in the Town Hall Auditorium is scheduled for .PLEASE PUT DATE IN HERE

# V. MEMBER COMMENTS OR INITIATIVES

None.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** made by Selectman Whiteside, seconded by Clerk Buckland to adjourn at 10:18.

VOTE 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Submitted by	1/AM-1	
	Kenneth Buckland, Clerk of the WRA	

Date Submitted to Town Clerk

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Documents used or reviewed in the meeting:

Minutes of August 11, 2022, Minutes of September 1, 2022