



WAREHAM REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday June 22, 2023
9am, Room 27, Town Hall
54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:11AM by Chair Butler

- I. Members present: Dan Butler, Judith Whiteside, Ken Buckland, Derek Sullivan.

Members absent: Ron Besse

Also present: Emily Innes, Innes Associates

II. RESIDENT COMMENTS: None

III. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. Update on WRA Internship program. There have been no applicants for the program from either Bridgewater State or UMASS Dartmouth.
NO VOTE
2. Discussion and possible vote on Coastal Zone Management Grant application. Some discussion, and item will appear on future agenda.
NO VOTE
3. Discussion and possible vote on adjustments to the draft Wareham Village Urban Renewal Plan, as recommend by the Massachusetts State Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities. (EOHLC).

During this portion of the meeting Ms. Innes engaged with the committee members in a detailed review and commentary on each of the items reviewed and presented to the WRA by EOHLC. These items are all contained in the communication, identified by section and number.

Ms. Innes will make the suggested and required edits and clarifications, as suggested in the document regarding graphs and graphics, and as well as edits to the technical aspects of the report.

The committee engaged in robust discussion regarding some of the items noted in the communication and agreed on how to clarify the intent of the document.

Ms. Innes reminded the WRA members that the URP has to not only be reviewed and approved by EOHLC, but also by MEPA. Furthermore, in order to be submitted the Town must approve the URP through the Planning Board, as well as the Select Board. These bodies will hold hearings, as well as communicate with the appropriate bodies, as guided by Mr. Buckland, as well as Ms. Innes.

Authority members consider the URP a working document which is being refined and edited, so that approval by the requisite bodies will hopefully be trouble-free.

4. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Mr. Buckland had nothing to add.

IV. MEMBER COMMENTS/NEW INITIATIVES - None

V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VI. APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2023

MOTION by Ms Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Buckland to approve as presented.

VOTE 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Buckland, seconded by Ms. Whiteside to adjourn.

VOTE 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM

Submitted by _____


Kenneth Buckland, Clerk of the WRA

Date Submitted to Town Clerk _____

8/24/23

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Documents used or reviewed in the meeting:

1. Draft Wareham Village Urban Renewal Plan

2. Communication from Maggie Schmitt and Becca George, Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities, dated June 16, 2023, addressed to Mr. Buckland and Mr. Butler
3. Minutes of June 8, 2023