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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Finance for the Town of Plainfield held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sinkewicz.

Members present: Tom Sinkewicz, Dean Gorman, Don Kivela, and Matthew Radant

Members absent: Ted Dumaine, Virginia Sampietro, Gary Stalaboin and Keith Sheeley.

Also present: Kevin Cunningham, First Selectman; Cathy Tendrich, Selectman; Art Gagne, Selectman; Kelly Vachon, Finance Director

Matt Radant was appointed in for voting.

1. Acceptance of minutes from September 15, 2021 meeting.

Matt Radant motioned to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021 meeting. Don Kivela seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2. New Business:

- a. **To discuss and act on appropriation of \$200,000 to undertake the InterRoyal Site Brownfield Assessment, said funds to be paid to the Town in full by a grant from the State of Connecticut.**

Matt Radant asked where they will be appropriating the \$200,000 from and Kevin Cunningham stated the grant was applied for and received and now it will go to Town meeting for approval. Mr. Radant asked why this didn't go to the Board of Finance first to approve then set a date for the Town meeting. Mr. Cunningham explained that the Town attorney approved the Board of Selectmen to set the Town meeting date and that it was a time sensitive issue. He also agreed moving forward the Board of Selectmen will do the motions pending approval by the Board of Finance in matters like this.

Mr. Cunningham explained that because the site was not cleaned up the redevelopment studies must be redone now. Once the assessment is done then they will have the information needed to market and determine best use of the property. Kelly Vachon stated that the funds will be marked as a receivable for fiscal year 2022 and she will find out if the monies must be used within that fiscal year.

Don Kivela motioned to approve the appropriation of \$200,000 to undertake the InterRoyal Site Brownfield Assessment and for said funds to be paid to the Town in full by a grant from the State of Connecticut and to go to Town meeting on 10/7/2021 at 7pm. Motion seconded by Dean Gorman. Matthew Radant abstained. All in favor, motion passed.

b. To discuss and act on applying for Quinebaug Valley Trails grant for design of the Killingly to Route 205 segment of the trail.

Kelly Vachon informed the board that the total cost is \$325,000 which \$260,000 is covered by a grant. The open space fund has approximately \$600,000 which she will confirm for the next meeting. Mr. Cunningham explained that this is the middle section of the trail from Route 205 (Wauregan Rd) to Trout Hatchery Road. There has not been a vote yet on the Federal Infrastructure funding but hopeful it will be approved.

Kelly Vachon explained that the open space contractors contribute to the special fund which shows on the audit report.

Dean Gorman motioned to approve applying for Quinebaug Valley Trails grant for design of the Killingly to Route 205 segment of the trail and to go to Town meeting on 10/7/21 at 7pm. Motion seconded by Don Kivela. Matthew Radant abstained. All in favor, motion passed.

Citizens Participation

Dan Reale expressed concerns regarding the study for the InterRoyal Site Brownfield Assessment and what it will do to the vegetation and removing heavy metals out of the soils. He suggested talking to a construction engineer and chemical engineer prior to doing the assessment to develop a plan first. Having this plan prior to clean-up may be more attractive for additional grants. Tom Sinkewicz stated that he can check to see if the Town Planner, Mary Ann Chinatti, investigated this already.

Cathy Tendrich stated that they worked with UCONN students and met with contractors and developers that might be interested in the site, but the issue is not knowing what is there or the cost to clean up. Eastern CT landbank is so beneficial, the town will not be able to get grant funds to clean it up. Landbank will help do this, take liability off of the town if it sells. Funding from CT Cares Act can be put into the Eastern CT Landbank.

Dan reel stated regarding the Quinebaug trail, we tend to pave things and add to it and it defeats the purpose of open space; he would not want to see it done.

Adjournment

Dean Gorman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Matt Radant seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Krodel

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Recording Secretary