



Received For Record At Plainfield CT
On Sept. 30, 2021 @ 1:50 pm
Attest: Barbi J. Gardiner
Barbi J. Gardiner, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2021

Kevin Cunningham called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Plainfield Town Hall.

Members present were Kevin Cunningham, Art Gagne, and Cathy Tendrich.

Minutes Art motioned to approve the 9/13/2021 meeting minutes. Cathy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment Rose Eames asked the Board what the status was regarding putting in a changing booth in the men's locker room downstairs; it has been 2 yrs. since it was last discussed. Kevin stated that the maintenance department is drafting a plan but due to ADA (American Disabilities Act) there is limited spacing, therefore the building inspector is working on a plan. We would like to have it done in a few months but for now the boys can go around the corner to change. The spacing very difficult and it must be wheelchair accessible. He asked Rose to call tomorrow and he will follow up on weekly basis until it is resolved.

Old Business None

New Business

1. Consider and act on tax refunds as requested by the Tax Collector totaling \$412.75.

Beth A Crute	\$274.21
James P. Gauthier	\$14.17
Dennis Delgadillo	\$124.37

Cathy motioned to approve the tax refunds totaling \$412.75, Art seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

2. Discuss and act on approving APR funding for Eastern Connecticut Land Bank.

Wayne Bugden, LEP, from Eastern Connecticut Land Bank presented to the Board and discussed the following:

- Moosup Brownfields Site – Objective and Vision
- What they need to complete the Moosup objectives

- What is a Brownfield Land Bank
- Land Bank may conduct site assessments and remediation
- The need for an Executive Director to oversee the project
- Implement site cleanup strategies ensuring all environmental issues are addressed for redevelopment.
- This being a new project it is understaffed, no source of funds for staffing or professional services/operating expenses

ECLB is requesting \$300,000 of ARPA funds from the Town of Plainfield to cover the salary of an Executive Director and remaining funds to cover legal expenses, IT services, and clerical expenses.

Art expressed concerns regarding giving funds to one non-profit and the obligation of giving funds to other non-profits. He felt there are better ways to spend the money, i.e., small businesses who were impacted by COVID, town employees who ran out of sick time due to COVID, household assistance for medical equipment. He was also concerned about the process of remediation and development is there a chance it would not go to the development stage? And does this project even qualify for ARPA funds?

Cathy felt the revitalization of the Brownfield site would be benefit to the town and this would probably be the only opportunity to do this.

Kevin suggested tabling this agenda item until they could get more clarification from the town attorney.

Mary Ann Chinatti, Town Planner, stated that she felt it would meet the ARPA guidelines because they could not seek contributions or get funds from the municipality due to COVID and there was a delay obtaining the 501c3 non-profit status.

Art motioned to deny the Eastern Connecticut Land Bank \$300,000 of ARPA funds, Kevin seconded. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Discuss and act on approving the Affordable Housing Plan for Plainfield.

Mary Ann reported to the Board that regarding the housing plan the Zoning Board of Appeals was of the opinion they are an appeals entity only and the Planning & Zoning Commission had no comments.

Art asked if the of housing positions were paid and Mary Ann said it is up to the municipality. Art reviewed action items in the plan and has some concerns and made recommendations – removing modify zoning regulations to allow as-of-right ADUs, change tax abatement program from 10 years to 5, remove regulations to allow existing property retro-fit to allow for middle-density. Kevin stated that they can make adjustments after they approve the plan and that the plan still needs to go through the groups and suggested they have a special meeting to review.

Art motioned to table the Affordable Housing Plan until the next Board of Selectman meeting, Cathy seconded. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Discuss and to recommend to the Town Meeting that the Town appropriate \$200,000.00 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.

Kevin stated this went to the attorney and it was recommended it go to town meeting. Mary Ann explained

the process of the reimbursable grant.

Cathy motioned a date of 10/13/2021 at 7pm for a town meeting to appropriate \$200,000 to undertake the InterRoyal Site Brownfield Assessment, Art seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mary Ann stated that the agreement would be due the 9th of the next month to go back to DECD.

Cathy amended the motion to item #4 to change the town meeting date to 10/7/2021 at 7pm, Art seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

5. Discuss and act on setting a town meeting for the town to apply for Quinebaug Valley Trails grant for design of the Killing to Rt 205 segment of trail.

Mary Ann explained that the grant covers Killingly town line to Rte. 205 for \$325,000 for design and public participation which is an 80/20 grant, \$65,000 is the town match.

Art motioned to set the town meeting date for 10/7/2021 at 7pm for the Quinebaug Valley Trails grant for design, Cathy seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

6. Discuss and act on disbanding the Charter Revision Commission.

Kevin stated that the Charter served us well and he thanked the members for their time. He explained the process to disband the commission and that the attorney talked to the State and questions on ballot are fine.

Art motioned to disband the Charter Revision Commission, Cathy seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

Other

Kevin reported that on 10/9 & 10/10 there will be two vendor trucks and live music; a flyer will be posted soon. Also, Covid testing Mondays and Thursday received over 200 people.

Mary Ann also reminded them of the open space meeting for public input

Adjournment

Art motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm, Cathy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

This is a summary of the meeting, and the recording is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne Krodel, Recording Secretary