

PUBLIC HEARING of the Town Council held Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Town Building, Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Wallace F. Lees; Councilors William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

Relative to 2005 – 2006 Recreation Grant Application in advance of the construction of the Downtown Pascoag River Walk, Segment 1, connecting the Francis H. Potter Bridgeway and Sayles Avenue.

NOTE: The above was duly advertised in the Legal Section of the Woonsocket Call on Monday, January 23, 2005.

1. Comments/Input/Recommendation from Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner.

Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner & Economic Development Coordinator, described the Downtown Pascoag River Walk, Segment 1, which will connect the Francis H. Potter Bridgeway and Sayles Avenue. Mr. Kravitz displayed a graphic of the proposed river walk, discussed the costs associated with the river walk, and explained

earlier grants that had been used for the design of the project.

The cost of the project, according to Mr. Kravitz, would be approximately \$240,000. Mr. Kravitz noted that the proposal would be for half of the funding to be secured by a D.E.M. grant and that an application had been submitted to The Champlin Foundation for the remaining half. Mr. Kravitz discussed the probability of submitting a Historic Parks and Passive Recreation grant application as well as a DEM Recreation Large Grant Application. Mr. Kravitz described the terms and conditions of each program.

2. Comments/Input/Recommendation by Administration (Town Solicitor, Town Manager).

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, discussed the long standing status of River Walk project and stated that the administration supports the concept. Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor, indicated that the Town had secured from Northwest Health whatever easements would be necessary.

3. Proponents: None

4. Opponents: None

5. Town Council Members Comments/Input: None

6. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

7. VOTED to support grant application(s) in advance of the construction of the Downtown Pascoag River Walk, Segment 1, connecting the Francis H. Potter Bridgeway and Sayles Avenue.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. The motion was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The motion was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.

Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

The hearing was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the meeting.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk