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Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919

MINUTES

The Planning Board of the Town of Johnston held their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Ave.

I. **Call to Order & Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum present for the Board: Lauren Garzone, Chair; John Laurito, Vice-Chair; Peggy Passarelli, Albert Cournoyer, Lori Pezzullo. Absent: Mohamad Sasa, and Christine Cunneen. Also present for the Town: Joseph Ballirano, Esq., Planning Board Solicitor; Bernard J. Nascenzi, Dep. Dir. DPW, CBO/ZO; Peter DelPonte, CDBG Administrator and Susan Leonardi, Planning Clerk.

Ms. Garzone stated that the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting required an amendment. In the paragraph under Old Business, the fourth sentence did not make sense. Ms. Leonardi stated that the word, "what" was missing. Mr. Cournoyer made a motion to accept the amended minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting. Ms. Passarelli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all in favor.

II. **Old Business**

A. **Johnston Comprehensive Plan Rewrite**

PB '13- 10

The June 3, 2014 meeting will be held as a workshop to work on the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite. The Strengths/Weaknesses document for each element of the Comprehensive Plan will be completed as a group that evening. This document is essential to the rewrite moving forward.

III. **New Business**

A. **Endorsement and advisory opinion to Town Council on proposed 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program application.**

PB '14- 06

Peter DelPonte, CDBG Administrator, presented the PY 14 application components to the Board. He explained the awards received in prior grant years and amounts being requested for this funding year. Mr. DelPonte explained each of the sub-recipients and the reasons for their requests. L. Pezzullo asked if the Program did any advertising to the residents of Johnston. Mr. DelPonte stated that letters are sent home in the backpacks of every school child, posters are hung in Town buildings and notices/ads are placed in the Johnston Sunrise newspaper. Ms. Passarelli asked if the Program maintained a list of applicants. Mr. DelPonte stated that we do maintain a list and the longer the list, the more it boosts our application.



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Ms. Pezzullo made the motion to send a positive Advisory Opinion to the Town Council in support of the PY 14 CDBG application. Ms. Passarelli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all in favor.

IV. Administrative Report & Special Items

Ms. Garzone asked that the members read through this report and contact the office with any questions.

V. General Business

B. Nascenzi stated that the lull that the Planning Board is experiencing now is the result of the hard work for the last two years. Developers in the Town are very pleased with the work of the Planning and Zoning Boards.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cournoyer and seconded by Mr. Laurito. A voice vote was taken; all in favor.

Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Peggy A. Passarelli
SECRETARY