

North Smithfield
Redevelopment Agency

Monday September 27, 2010

Present: John Flaherty, John Gibbons, John Gregory, Robert Nault, Mike Rapko, Eric Nascimento,
Bruce Waterson, Town Administrator Paulette Hamilton

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Organizational Meeting Introduction

The Town Administrator thanked members for agreeing to serve and described the purpose of the Redevelopment Agency by reviewing provisions of the state enabling statute. She explained that the Redevelopment Agency was created by the Town Council to promote implementation of the town-approved redevelopment plan for Branch Village and that a redevelopment agency is granted unique tools and powers to do so by the General Assembly and the N.S. Town Council. She also explained that redevelopment agencies can perform their duties in support of other districts in town, but that any such district needs to be approved by the Town Council as a redevelopment district and meet certain characteristics as defined by state statute.

The Town Administrator explained that there are four (4) immediate tasks to get started with:

1. Elect officers
2. Establish Rules of Procedure
3. Designation by ordinance of Redevelopment District(s)
4. Assess opportunities to advance implementation of the Town Council approved redevelopment plan for Branch Village

Nomination of officers

After explaining the duties to be performed by officers, the Town Administrator asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Mr. Nault nominated Mr. Flaherty. Mr. Gregory seconded the nomination. All were in favor. Mr. Gibbons nominated Mr. Nascimento for the position of Secretary. Mr. Nault seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Rapko nominated Mr. Gibbons for the position of Vice Chair. Mr. Gregory seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting Time and Place

Discussion ensued about the best times and places to meet on a regular basis. It was agreed that the 4th Monday of the month was a suitable time. Mrs. Hamilton will report back on the availability of space to accommodate meetings.

Next Steps

Mr. Flaherty distributed copies of a recent grant application for federal economic development assistance to complete the sewers through Branch Village. He indicated that the applications provided a good background on the economic development case for redeveloping Branch Village .He also indicated that some work had been prepared by the former Branch Village Task Force to develop Rules of Procedure and Designation by Ordinance of Branch Village as a Redevelopment District. He will provide those drafts, along with recommendations for action at the next meeting.

Action Items for Next Meeting

Review previous grant application as background, and share the DRAFT Rules of Procedure, designation of Branch Village.

Next Meeting

It was agreed upon by the members of the agency that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday October 25, 2010 6:00 pm at Primrose Fire Station.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Eric Nascimento