

North Smithfield Redevelopment Agency

September 16, 2013

Present: Robert Nault, Jay Freitas, Scott Gibbs, Michael Rapko, and Paul Leclerc

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Review and Approval of Minutes, August 19, 2013

Paul Leclerc made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting with the following amendments: (1) change the minutes date from July 8, 2013 to August 19, 2013; (2) correct the misspelling of Paul Leclerc's name in the 4th paragraph. Bob Nault seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Discussion, Consideration and Action Relative to Branch Village Sewer Improvements

Gibbs stated that the North Smithfield Town Council previously approved the appropriation of \$10,000 from the North Smithfield Small Business Loan Program to underwrite the costs to engage legal services to put in place the necessary documents for the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District. Gibbs indicated that the Town had not yet executed an agreement with the law firm of Edwards Wildman, which was the low bidder for the project. Gibbs emphasized the importance of finalizing the TIF documents and securing Town Council approval of same before the end of December. Gibbs indicated he would follow-up on expediting this issue with Town Administrator Hamilton and Council President Flaherty.

Gibbs stated that the engagement letter from the Horsley Witten group was received and would be forwarded to the North Smithfield Sewer Commission. As explained by Gibbs, Horsley Witten will conduct a cursory review of sewer plans as prepared to date. Gibbs indicated that there have been various concerns raised about the proposed sewer improvements, and the Economic Development Commission and the Redevelopment Agency concurred that a review by a third party is warranted.

General Discussion

The Rhode Island Statewide Strategic Plan for Office and Industrial Site Development was discussed. Nault indicated that although the report was somewhat dated, the report contained information that would be beneficial to the activities of the Redevelopment Agency.

Gibbs updated Agency members on the proposed tax sale and the former Tupperware facility. Gibbs stated that the tax rights would first have to go to auction before the Town had the statutory authority to transfer the tax rights to the Redevelopment Agency.

Tour of Branch Village Redevelopment District

(The Redevelopment Agency departed for a walking tour of the Branch Village Redevelopment District.)

On a motion by Paul Leclerc, seconded by Bob Nault, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Scott A Gibbs