

North Brookfield Downtown Development Committee (DDC)
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021

In Attendance:

Sheila Orsi, Marilynn Borst, Eva Brown, Ethan Melad

Guest:

Absent: Sue Lewandowski (NB Helps), Jack McClintock,

Meeting Opened:

6:40 pm

Sheila submitted the minutes from Sept 4, 2021. Eva voted to approved, Ethan seconded. Minutes are submitted.

We planned on Bernie LaPierre from the Playground Committee coming by but missed the opportunity. We hope to speak with the Playground Committee soon. Grants are listed below that we would like to speak with them regarding.

Old Business:

Grant Updates

Complete Streets

Sheila plans to attend the Sept 28th BOS meeting with Bill Paille from BCS Group to discuss next steps now that funding for Phase I has been accepted.

One Stop

Eva stated that when she spoke with a representative from the One Stop, that the grant applications submitted were many more than they expected. We have applied for \$2million but they asked if we could take less. FOTH would like to see a minimum of \$300,000 to fund the final architectural plans, which would allow them to take the plans to the Architectural Access Board in hopes to get the cease-and-desist order removed so that construction could continue at the Town house.

TAP & LRRP

Final drafts are in the process of being updated to completed documents and should be sent to us soon to share with BOS, Planning Board and FOTH.

New Business

Ethan has been communicating with Anthony Senesi from CMRPC to find more grant funding for the Downtown District Overlay Area. A few interesting grants are:

1. ARPA- TTOR (Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation) This is a federally funded grant. It looks to be a no-match, meaning it is fully funded without the town needing to match funding.

2. PARC Grant is awarded up to \$400,000 but the match is 50-70% reimbursed.
3. ARPA- EAA (Economic Adjustment Assistance – This grant could be in the millions and could help with creating parking areas on the brownfields by the Police Station as well as possibly helping to replace water pipes in the main street downtown corridor. Sheila and Ethan are looking at this more closely – this is a federally funded grant.

Next Meeting Dates:

Next Meeting – October 4, 2021

Close of Meeting: 8:09 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Sheila Orsi

September 21, 2021

Approved at October 18, 2021 meeting