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Regular Meeting / November 13, 2012  
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Claus Bartenstein, William Notte, Jerry Kreitzer, Ed Clark and Brennan Duffy.

Absent: Israel Mac, Mike Gauthier, Wendy Wilton and Barbara Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am.

- I. Jerry moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2012. William seconded. Motion was approved.
- II. Ed moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for Fund 800 expenses totaling \$20,172.11 for payment. William seconded. Motion was approved.
- III. Brennan told the Board that a former Rutland resident who passed away left memorial contributions to the Downtown Development Fund. The DRP was informed but directed the widow to the RRA. The assistant city treasurer suggested the Board decide which project to apply the funds. More information is forthcoming.
- IV. Barbara was unavailable to give the Board a grant status report.
- V. Brennan provided the following status reports:

Vermont Business Magazine – VBM requested an article from Brennan. The article was written to encourage readers to do business in Rutland. VBM would like the RRA to include an advertisement with the article in the December issue. Brennan and Mike Gauthier prepared a mock-up advertisement for an 1/8 page ad. The cost would be \$330.

Evelyn Street Reconfiguration – There has been little movement on this project related to communication with Brixmor (plaza owner). Brixmor has recently applied to renew its Act250 permit on the former parking deck site on Evelyn Street. Reconfiguration plans on the City's behalf continue.

Post Office Annex – The terra-cotta testing is complete. Brennan reported that 20% of the tiles must be replaced and 15% need repair. When the final report is completed it will be sent to Historical Preservation for review. The replacement tiles are concrete and are aesthetically identical to the terra-cotta tiles. If the review is agreeable to

matching concrete tiles, work could commence in the Spring of 2013. The RRA Board would be fine with the concrete tiles in lieu of terra-cotta replacement tiles.

Berwick Site – The prospective developer of the site has started working with an Environmental Consulting Service to develop a corrective action plan (CAP) that should take a couple of months to complete. RRA staff will potentially have a role in the administration of state or federal cleanup funding.

Blighted Property Remediation - The Steering Committee is working on drafting two ordinances. A vacancy ordinance would identify owners and assess monetary penalties for extended vacancies; and a blighted vacant ordinance that would force a corrective action based on the public nuisance condemnation process. The second ordinance would have the potential for obtaining the properties. It is anticipated that these ordinances could be passed the first quarter of next year.

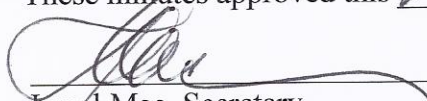
West Street Farmers' Market – The ribbon cutting was held and the market is in operation. The RRA will need to work with the City Attorney to complete the tax stabilization piece.

SBD Assessment Issues – Joe Giancola's letter to the Aldermen requesting removal of 56 Howe Street from the SBD was referred to committee.

The Downtown Rutland Partnership will hold its advisory vote on November 15.

- VI. Jerry moved to adjourn. William seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 8:53 am.

These minutes approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 2012.

  
Israel Mac, Secretary