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Regular Meeting / July 8, 2014  
Minutes

Attendance: Dave Cooper, Ed Clark, Claus Bartenstein, Wendy Wilton, Brennan Duffy, Israel Mac, Mike Gauthier, Stephanie Peters and Barbara Spaulding.

Absent: William Notte.

Also attending: Chris Etori, Downtown Rutland Partnership.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am.
- II. Ed moved to approve the minutes of June 24, 2014 with the correction of the amounts approved for payment in the warrant. Wendy seconded. Motion was approved.
- III. No one from the public was in attendance to address the Board.
- IV. Wendy moved to authorize Dave to sign the warrant for payment of Fund 800 expenses totaling \$19,982.44. Ed seconded. Motion was approved.
- V. Barbara provided the following grant status updates:

Included in the Board packet was the quarterly spreadsheet for grants and loans administered by the RRA. Barbara pointed out that the total amount of grant funds had increased in comparison to the same period in 2013 by nearly \$2.5 million dollars.

Municipal Planning Grant FY15 – Applications are due September 30, 2014 and municipalities can include special projects for Designated Downtowns. There was some discussion about applying for funds for Evelyn Street.
- VI. Brennan provided the following project status report:

VCDP Grant Award – The award ceremony held July 7 was successful. Unrelated to the grant 37 Pine Street was razed as part of the ceremony.

Gateway Signs – Brennan made a presentation to the Aldermen. Wendy suggested solar powered lights to illuminate the signs.

Downtown Gateway Plans – So far they have been unsuccessful getting stakeholders together.

Library Avenue Sewer Separation – There will be a meeting July 9 at 6 pm to discuss the plans.

VIII. New Business.

Corrette & Associates Agreement for Services: It was moved and seconded for Dave to sign the agreement with Corrette & Associates for 3-years not to exceed \$5,200 per year for audit services. Motion was approved.

Public Meeting Law Changes: In order to comply with recent changes to the Open Meeting Law the draft minutes must be posted on the RRA website within 5 days of the meeting. Also Additions and Deletions to the Agenda must be added to the agenda.

Industrial and Commercial Property Tax Stabilization Application: Brennan distributed copies of the application from Vermont Truffle Company who have purchased 37 Center Street for their retail store and production location. There will be three minimum wage jobs created with no benefits. Stephanie recused herself from the debate. Wendy moved to deny the application at this time, suggest the applicant avail themselves to other available resources and if additional jobs are created suggest the applicant revisit the program. Ed seconded. Motion was approved with one abstention.

Executive Director Evaluation: Dave distributed copies of the evaluation for Brennan. There will be a discussion in executive session on July 22.

SBD Tax Rate: Ed moved to set the SBD tax rate for F/Y 6/30/15 at .4708. Claus seconded. Motion was approved.

IX. Adjourn.

Wendy moved to adjourn. It was seconded. Motion was approved. The meeting ended at 9 am.

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Israel Mac, Secretary