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61 - 63 Summer Street Re-Use Committee
Meeting Minutes April 6, 2023; 7:00 pm

Attendees: Brion Berghaus

Ellen Duggan

Khadijah Brown

Andy Moerlin (remote)

Linde Ghere (remote)

Guest: John Kramer, local developer

Meeting minutes from March 16, were reviewed and approved

John discussed needing an Environmental Report for potential material hazards. This type of report could be included in an RFP for Developers. He cautioned that an RFP should be inclusive, not restrictive, and allow options to be negotiated as the process may take from 12 to 36 months. You can include options in the request as extra value. Deed restrictions and historic preservation may make the process longer.

Ellen has spoken to Bill Crenshaw, Maynard Housing Authority, (informally) which has not the wherewithal or appetite right now to take on another housing project.

Ellen has also spoken to Rick Lefferets, Affordable Housing Trust, about coming to the next meeting. Also, whether Habitat for Humanity might be interested.

We discussed the Boys and Girls Club as well as Friends of Seniors concerning potential neighborhood programs.

There was discussion about ACME, and ArtSpace, what have they expended on building maintenance, and what will be the expenses in the future. Andy suggested the Committee investigate what the town expects to spend on building maintenance in the future.

We discussed membership issues, Lisa Dunn has ended her membership. Brion spoke to Greg Johnson, who thought advisors for the committee was a better idea than increasing membership.

Questions about informing the abutters were discussed and the idea of a May 11 meeting for Abutters was agreed to as a method to solicit ideas, inform and involve the community in the process.

NEXT STEPS: Ellen will ask Rick Leffers to attend the next meeting

Khadijah will ask Justin DeMarco, DPW, about building costs

Andy to research ARTSPACE actual building costs

Linde to work on Abutters survey/informational meeting

Next meeting April 20 7pm at Library

Public Comments requested : Adam Con appreciative of our interest in ACME

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm