

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
May 23, 2016

Chair Leann Angerman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters took the roll. Members present were Michael Gruszka, Will Farrellbegg, LeAnn Angerman, Christopher Salatas, and Edgar Corns. Also present were Attorney David Westland, Town Manager Jeff Sheridan and Building Administrator Carl Ferro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 28th regular meeting & April 11th special meeting – Mr. Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Corns and carried with five ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of benches and garbage cans in downtown area - Mrs. Angerman stated there was a request from Sharon Speichert for five benches and three trash cans in the downtown area, which was also brought before the Council, and we have reviewed prices and didn't feel the recycled benches fell in the esthetic of the downtown area. The total price could be \$8,000 and she asked Attorney Westland if that would be permissible use of TIF Funds. Attorney Westland thought yes it would, but would research the question.

Facade Rebate Program Update - Mrs. Angerman asked if any invoices had been received from Charles & Mary Swiercz 313 E. Commercial Avenue, who had previously received a facade rebate. Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters stated she had not received anything. Building Administrator Carl Ferro stated on the north side of the downtown area, the second story decks are deteriorating and will have to be replaced and asked if that would fall under the facade rebate program. Mrs. Angerman asked if it is only for frontage on Route 2. Mr. Sheridan asked if it was a esthetic improvement or structural improvement. Discussion followed. Town Manager Sheridan will review the facade program and review with Attorney Westland. Mr. Corns questioned the old hardware store that still has plywood in the window and felt that it needed to be corrected. Mrs. Angerman stated that should be turned over to the Code Enforcement Officer to see if there is a code violation. Mr. Salatas had reviewed the facade rebate program and read the eligible activities and felt it may be eligible. It was agreed the property owners be given an application and the commission will determine if it is eligible.

NEW BUSINESS

Signage Committee - Mrs. Angerman noted that \$1,000 had been designated from the hotel/motel funds for signage in the downtown area and would like a committee formed on how best to use the funds. She stated she had spoken to Sharon Speichert and Charles Swiercz and they were interested in serving. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Corns to appoint Sharon Speichert, Charles Swiercz, and members Mike Gruszka and Chris Salatas, and Town Manager Jeff Sheridan. The committee will also review the bench/trash can choices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farrellbegg and carried with five ayes. Attorney Westland stated he had reviewed the TIF Fund uses and felt the purchase of benches and garbage cans could be considered a public improvement and would be a permissible use. Mr. Sheridan will arrange a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Farrellbegg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M., seconded by Mr. Corns and carried with five ayes.

LeAnn Angerman, President

Mike Gruszka, Secretary