

St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency
Minutes of April 26, 2016 Meeting ~ Town of Louisville Municipal Offices, Massena NY

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman McNeil.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum: Mssrs. Carroll, McNeil, Murphy, Paquin and Strait attend. Phone problems prevented New York Power Authority Representative Ronald Johnston from joining the meeting via conference call, however, Karen White from NYPA was in attendance. A quorum is recognized.

Public Notice: Public notifications were sent on April 8, 2016 to, at a minimum: St. Lawrence County's newspapers designated for the publication of local laws and other matters required by law to be published. Notification also sent to other local media sources and websites.

Presentations: None.

Approval of Minutes: Strait/Paquin motion to approve minutes of the February 9 and February 18, 2016 meetings. Motion passes unanimously.

Financial Report: After a brief discussion, Paquin/Murphy motion to approve financial reports for December, 2015 and January-March, 2016. Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution Accepting 2015 Audit: Strait/Murphy motion to approve a resolution Accepting 2015 Audit. Mr. McNeil notes that the audit seemed to him to have no surprises. After a few other brief comments, the motion passes unanimously.

Staff Reports: Mr. Plastino reported that the Agency has received 21 CD/EI applications and encouraged RVRDA members to come in to review them. Mr. McNeil, who had already reviewed the applications, said that there were some very interesting submissions. There was a brief discussion about the timeline for the 2016 review process. Mr. Plastino said that Mr. Kelly would confer with Mr. McNeil to nail down the hoped-for timeline.

Mr. Plastino distributed the updates to the RVRDA Governance Manual that had been approved at previous meetings.

Public Comment: Mr. Tom Sullivan, Massena BDC, reported that Mr. Strait had spoken at that day's Rotary lunch about the RVRDA's accomplishments.

Mr. Mark Scott, Artworks Creperie (Waddington), spent a few minutes describing the efforts underway to create an arts-centered economic development initiative in the Village of Waddington. He reported that about half a dozen artists had created a cooperative in a building at 10 Main St. He suggested that Phase II could involve extension into the neighboring Clark House. He noted that economic development created by such an initiative went beyond the art sold by the artists and the sales tax generated by those sales; the traffic generated by the artists' activity would create business for other Main Street retail and commercial establishments.

Executive Session: At 7:29 PM Strait/Carroll motion that the RVRDA go into executive session to discuss the financial history of a specific company.

At 8:06 PM Strait/Murphy motion that the RVRDA return from executive session.

Mr. Plastino reports that he forgot to mention in his staff report that the Authority Budget Office had begun a review of the SLCIDA Local Development Corporation on May 18 and that Mr. Kelly expects the review to extend over as long as three months. He said that the reviewers might be able to attend a future RVRDA meeting.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:06 PM, upon the motion by Carroll/Murphy.