

D.R.C. (DCR Re-use Committee) Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2010

Dennis Blackall called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Board Members Present

Christopher Olivieri	Dennis Blackall	Jeanne Paquin
Jay Polito	Vinny Harte- (for Harry Hibbard)	Don Ritz
Max Horn	Elizabeth Minelli	Joan Meschino
Jim Lampke	Jack Baringer	Phil Lemnios
Rhoda Kanet	Susan Habchy	Mary Jean Shultz

Meeting Agenda Items

- 1) Legal discussion of legislation
- 2) Discussion of Mission Statement
- 3) Minutes approval

Motions

Motion: Motion to approve Minutes – Joan Meschino
Second: Jeanne Paquin
Voted: Unanimous in favor
Result: Motion Passed

Motion: To Adjourn – Jeanne Paquin
Second: Joan Meschino
Voted: Unanimous in favor
Result: Motion Passed

1) Overview of Legislation.

Town Counsel explained legalities of 99-year lease. Law authorizes commissioner to lease property for not less than 99 years in consultation with DCR. It has to be used in some fashion for the broad topic of economic development. Concluded that town must assume payments for surveys. Discussion of storage of DCR equipment. Board requested meetings with DCAM and DCR. Committee will be kept informed.

General discussion of underground environmental tests, specifically whether the state, DCR or town would assume liabilities that go along with development of the site.

1.a.) Conclusion and Action Items

Meet with DCAM and DCR

Made request for inventory and activity for use.

Provide a time frame as to when the review will be available.

2) Discussion on Broader economic strategy vs. Income producing development

Board discussed that it may not have to be directly income producing, but part of a greater economic strategy. Board concluded it may not be necessary to have RFP just yet. Collaborative relationship with DCR was emphasized. Need for town of Hull to maintain historical relevance was discussed.

3) General discussion of Hull’s Vision

Concluded that:

- 1) Public Input needed
- 2) Mission Statement needed

Action Item: Set up focus group for January or February, and address any concerns that citizens and business owners may have regarding development.

4) Mission Statement Discussion –

Board discussed the end-goal of the committee: conclusion that committee will continue until the project is finished. Consensus for the need to create a project that the majority can agree on. Town of Scituate was mentioned as an example that had a similar committee formed for Pier 44. The board also discussed Salem as a reference.

Conclusion: Mission of the D.R.C. is to create a strategy, and present it to the board of selectmen for approval.

SUMMARY

General discussion of legalities of the 99-year lease in anticipation of DCR development. Among some concerns were potential hazardous waste liabilities underneath parcel. Looking forward, the board is in favor of creating consensus and a shared community vision for the development of the DCR parcels.

Action Items

- I. Meet with DCR representatives after January 15th in Boston.
- II. Set up focus group(s) for January or February.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved as to content_____

Approved for release_____

Elizabeth Minelli, Clerk