

DCR Reuse Committee
Meeting Minutes 3/16/11
Hull Town Hall

Committee Members in Attendance: Dennis Blackall, Max Horn, Rhoda Kanet, Joan Meschino, Jeanne Paquin, Jay Polito, Don Ritz, MJ Shultz

Also in attendance: Bob Fultz, Planning Director

The Chair convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The Chair set the dates for the three public discussion sessions. The initial meeting is Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Cafeteria at Hull High School. This first session is an open forum at which the committee will explain the process, present background information and solicit input from the public regarding development of the DCR parcel. The second and third meetings are Thursday, April 7, 2011, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM also in the Cafeteria at Hull High School. Using the ideas generated at the first meeting, the second two meetings will create a working plan in small groups that will then be presented back to the whole group.

A **motion** by R. Kanet, second by J. Paquin, to set the three dates and times as 3/26/11 9AM-1PM, 4/7/11 7PM-9PM, 4/9/11 2PM-5PM for public discussion sessions to be held at Hull High School was approved unanimously.

R. Fultz noted his appreciation to J. Divito for donating coffee and pastries for the Saturday meeting. The cable television department will record the initial meeting on March 26th. The Chair will confirm that the other dates will be recorded, too. The Chair invited both Sen. Hedlund and Rep. Bradley to attend and speak about their work on this topic.

R. Fultz will be the master of ceremonies for the forums. He will make the initial presentation, moderate any public discussion and manage the small group process. The Chair will work with D. Ritz to put together a history of the area where the parcel is located. The introduction will include the committee's purpose, schedule, mission, and the brief history of the area.

R. Fultz confirmed that the meeting dates will be published both in the newspaper and on the website.

Committee members agreed to facilitate working groups.

R. Fultz encouraged committee members to provide names and addresses for people to invite personally to encourage good attendance. R. Fultz will finalize the text of the letter for the Chair's signature.

A **motion** by J. Polito, second by M. Horn, to authorize the Chair to sign the individual invitation letters was approved unanimously.

R. Fultz shared a draft of the power point he plans to present with the committee. Committee members offered comments on presentation structure and substance. The goal of the presentation is to start

broadly with the context, move to the specific scope of this project and to create a framework for participants to think about all the possibilities and to understand the parameters of the site.

Committee members suggested that slides also include steps in the process, how the information from the meetings will be used, and a description of smart growth principles. Committee members also suggested that R. Fultz create a glossary of terms to hand out to participants.

The committee members discussed street-scapes slide. The road is on the historic register. While the committee agreed that it should stay focused on the immediate area of the site, the historic nature of the road can be integrated into first floor designs.

The committee members discussed the municipal role slide. Here the Town's role is to create sustainable development. Committee members inquired about negotiations with Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Committee members expressed ongoing concern about the Town's lack of ability to demonstrate control of the property.

The Chair said that he hoped to schedule a tour of the site for committee members soon.

The Chair agreed to include a topic on the agenda in the future regarding DCR's expectations.

The Chair tabled approval of meeting minutes.

The next meeting date is April 6, 2011, at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

A **motion** by J. Polito, second by J. Paquin, to adjourn was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.