

Minutes  
Farmington Village Center Committee  
October 29, 2019  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
6:00 PM

**Present**

Bruce Charette  
Nancy Nickerson  
Kevin Ray  
Betty Coykendall  
Liz Sanford  
Ruth Grobe  
Brian Connolly  
John Renehan  
Michael Gurski

**Staff**

Rose Ponte  
Kathy Blonski  
Mark DeVoe  
Anna Savastano

**A. Call to Order.**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**B. Public Comment.**

None.

**C. Reading of the Minutes.**

- 1) To approve the October 15, 2019 minutes. **(Attachment 1)**  
Upon a motion made and seconded (Connolly/Grobe) it was unanimously  
VOTED: to approve the October 15, 2019 minutes.

**D. To review and approve the Request for Interest (RFI) for Parsons Property.**

Kathy Blonski gave an overview of the RFI. She explained that the Town has decided to keep the details of the RFI very broad because there are still a number of unknowns with the property. Blonski explained that the Town is looking for a developer that matches the “fit and feel” of the Town. Kathy asked the Committee if they had specific questions on the document.

Michael Gurski asked why the committee felt the need to find a developer prior to owning the property. Staff explained that if the Town already has a developer, then State might move faster. Mark DeVoe also explained that DEEP’s Municipal Brownfield Liability Relief Program looks favorably on applicants that are already partnering with a developer. DeVoe further explained that the RFI is not binding, language was included in the RFI which allows the town to accept or refuse any or all responses.

The group had a general discussion on the type of developer that might be interested in Parsons Property. Rose Ponte explained that given the low density and public parking requirement she anticipates that “niche” developers would respond to the RFI These types of developers would be interested in smaller higher end projects, rather than larger higher density projects.

The group had a question about the timeline. They felt that 45 days may not be enough time for a developer to finish a proposal. Blonski said that the Town would look into adding language that would allow for an extension if needed.

**E. Update on the Parsons Property Acquisition. (Attachment 2)**

Kathy Blonski gave an update on the Parsons Property acquisition. Over the past few months, the Town was experiencing difficulty in obtaining various CAD drawings from the CTDOT environmental consultants. Without these files we are unable to verify the work that has been completed. Recently, the Town received some of the required CAD drawings, and our Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) is reviewing them. The Town's legislative delegation has decided to call a meeting with CTDOT for an update on the process.

**F. To set the next meeting.**

Kathy Blonski suggested that the Committee wait to schedule the next meeting until after the new year to allow for new committee members to join and for developers to have time to respond to the RFI.

**G. Public Comment.**

Jay Tulin, 39 Timberland Drive

Mr. Tulin asked if he could walk the Parson's Property on his own.

**H. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. (Sanford/Grobe)

cc: Committee Members  
Paula Ray, Town Clerk