

**Attleboro Redevelopment Authority
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2023 at 9:15 am
Location: Attleboro City Hall**

Attendees:

NAME	TITLE		NAME	AFFILIATION	
Rose Larson	Chairwoman	Present	Catherine Feerick	City of Attleboro	Present
Benton Keene	Vice Chairman	Present	Tracy Silva Barbosa	Mass Development	Present
Meg Goulet	Secretary	Present	Gary Ayrassian	City of Attleboro	Present
Jackie Romaniacki	Treasurer	Present			
Brendan McIntyre	ARA Board Member	Present			

MINUTES

I. Quorum Call Time: 9:18am

II. Report of the Chairwoman

- a. Correspondence: Reviewed mail and email. ARA’s annual audit is coming due. The engagement letter is expected shortly. This is included in the City budget. ***A motion made to allow R.Larson to sign the audit engagement letter when complete. Motion submitted by M.Goulet and seconded by J.Romaniacki - approved.***

The Bristol County Savings Bank sent a notice regarding the end of their participation in the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF) effective January 27, 2023. This does not impact their participation in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

There was an email on a webinar on energy in economic growth by IEDC. An email link will go out to any committee members interested.

- b. ARA Webpage: Complete

III. Treasurer’s Report

There was a typographical error in the September minutes regarding the primary checking account balances. The correct September 2022 primary checking account balance should have been \$383,217.14. The current account balances have been corrected for this typo.

- a. Primary Checking: At the December 2, 2022 there was an account balance of \$383,217.14. There was one invoice paid to Nitsch Engineering in the amount of \$4,500.00 for land surveying work. The account balance is currently at \$378,717.14
- b. Transit Account: There has been no income or expenses since our last meeting of December 2, 2022. The account balance remains at \$1,103,600.00
- c. Invoices: There have been no invoices received nor paid.

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IV. Reading/Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the December 2,2022 meeting minutes made by J.Romaniecki and seconded by B.Keene – unanimous approval

V. Project Updates

- a. GATRA / FTA Improvement Grant: No further updates. G.Ayrassian continues to reach out for updates. The City has not received an invoice for this work to date.
- b. MBTA Land Agreement – Rose received a fee agreement from Stephen K. Withers Jr esq of Coogan Smith LLP to perform the Title Search work. The agreement has no retainer and an hourly rate for the attorney’s time. Rose received verbal assurances that the total fees would be reasonable. A copy of the fee agreement was distributed.

There was a motion made to allow Rose to sign the fee agreement between the ARA and Stephen K. Withers Jr, esq to perform the title services needed to facilitate the land swap with MBTA. Motion submitted by B.Keene and seconded by J.Romaniecki - approved.

VI. Other Business

- a. Review of ARA By-Law MGL Chapter 121B and MGL Chapter 30B: This is ongoing work. Any issues of concern identified will be brought to the committee as needed. This item will be included in the agenda as needed going forward.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th at 9:15am at City Hall

VIII. Public Comments

Tracy Silva Barbosa introduced herself to the ARA Committee. Tracy is a TDI fellow which is a special program offered by MassDevelopment and she outlined her work priorities with the goal of providing assistance the City of Attleboro and the ARA to fund and perform worthy redevelopment projects within the City.

IX. Executive Session

No session

X. Adjournment

Motion to approve was made by J.Romaniecki and seconded by B.Keene – unanimous approval
The meeting was adjourned at 10:07am

Minutes Prepared by Meg Goulet

Minutes Review and Approval Date: 2/9/2023