

SOM Board of Director's Meeting MINUTES

July 16, 2015 – 12:00 – 100 River Street/Great Hall

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Lane, Walter Martone, Sandy MacGillivray, Jason Rasmussen, Andy Bladyka, Chris Rundle, Diane Parker, Mary Perry **EXCUSED:** Buddy Dexter, Rueben Allen, Tom Herson, Carol Eramo, Alan Woodbury
GUEST: Tom Yenneral, Noby – HB Energy **STAFF:** Carol Lighthall

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Organization

Minutes of May 21, 2015 were approved as presented.

Financial Review for May 2015 was tabled to next month, when Buddy Dexter will be back in attendance.

Design Report - Sanddy M. reported for the committee: The Good Buy Store project is complete pending their new sign being installed; Andy B. added that the foundation project for the Community Center is complete and has gone very well. The street pole project continues to make progress with Alan W. working with the Springfield Men's Church Group lending a hand to determine materials and process. The group plans to prep and paint a trial number of poles. The post office still has not been able to get a contract back from DOC, so is on hold. Tom Yenneral talked about trash and recycling for downtown indicating that 14 barrels for trash and recycling will be added downtown

Promotion Report - Carol L. reported for the promotions committee, Market Madness Street Fair is set for Saturday Sept. 5th, indicating that more volunteers are needed, especially for event parking and safety.

Economic Development - Carolyn Lane reported for the committee on the status and new developments of the downtown brochure, One Main, Odd Fellows Bldg. and Woolson Block. Carol L. added that she and Deb Boudrieau of SBDC were scheduled to do a joint business "walk around" downtown.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Partner Updates – SRCOC – no report, SRDC – no report, Springfield Select Board – Walter M. reported that the approved new tax rates \$2.96 res./\$2.81 non-res., on June 15th two solar contracts were approved, the town will buy solar at a savings of about \$20K over 25 years, the town has hired a new constable/code enforcement officer and that the process to initiate a town wide re-appraisal has begun will likely take about 3 years (it was last done 10 years ago). On Monday July 20th, the select board will consider (both carrot and stick) methods to hold property owners responsible for the condition of their buildings. SWCRPC – Jason R. reported that the bike path extension for J&L now has funding for design; he summarized the RPC service to towns now available to pre-qualify consultants. He also reviewed the downtown master plan implementation matrix, answered questions and took comment.

Farmer's Market Update - Carol L. reported that the farmer's market this year is very successful with strong foot traffic and vendor interest from the region, this is mostly because of dedicated market promotion and outreach. Steps are being taken to further strengthen the market by returning to a two coordinator role (one for promotion and vendor outreach and the other focused on set-up).

Other Business – Downtown Master Plan and implementation matrix reported on under SWCRPC/Jason R., Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Noby from HB Energy joined the group to provide an update. The EV-go station will be installed next Friday and that he investigated how to do the installation based on what's be done in WRJ. Noby indicated that the site was energized but still needed GMP to do the modem connection before it can be operational. Carol Lighthall thanked Noby for his excellent work and focus on getting the project done, she added that signs and lettering for the two spaces is being worked on, the ribbon cutting scheduled and the related grant closed out (for the end of August).

Date for next meeting: September 17th (3rd Thursday of the month), Location TBD

Adjournment: Carolyn adjourned the meeting at 12:55PM.