



## **Burrillville Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting Minutes March 22, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James A. Langlois, Chairman, Mark Thompson, Edward Bonczek, Renay McLeish, George J. Lough III (alt), Gerald Lapierre (alt).

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Jeffrey Barr, Vice-Chairman. George Lough III, voting in his absence.

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** Michael C. Wood, Secretary, Ray Goff, Planning Director, Dennis Anderson, Town Council Liaison and Nicole Stockwell, Administrative Aide.

**STAFF/CONSULTANTS ABSENT:** Timothy F. Kane, Esq., General Legal Counsel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Council Members: Donald Fox, Steve Rawson, Amanda Gingell, Ray Trinque, Dennis Anderson, Justin Batalon.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Langlois called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Voted to move SPECIAL BUSINESS to first item on the agenda. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Renay McLeish**

Meeting with the Town Council to review agency projects, priorities and plans – Jim Langlois and Ray Goff, Power Point Presentation.

Chairman Langlois and Planner Goff presented 2021-2022 BRA projects, priorities and plans to include:

High Street Park-this nature park is an extension of the Pascoag River Walk and nears completion. DPW will complete landscaping, installation of benches and tables as well as complete repairs to the river walk decking on Mr. Mark Murphy's property in spring of 2022. Secretary Wood announced that a \$200,000 grant will fund the construction of the pedestrian bridge that will connect High Street Park to the river walk behind Mr. Murphy's property. It will also fund the repairs and/or replacement of the river walk decking.

Gonyea Park- Screening trees were planted to buffer the Dunkin Donuts drive through. A permanent illuminated shade structure will be installed in spring of 2022.

Pascoag Well One Collaboration-Parking lot project off Park Place and Well One office expansion are complete.

Fountain Square Park-The park will feature a fountain, entertainment/stage area, walking path, retaining wall with built in seating and two story boards. Completion is expected in spring of 2022. Efforts to secure donation of an original fountain were unsuccessful. The Committee located two identical Jenks Fountain company fountains, identical to the original fountain, at an antique gallery in Newport, RI. The Agency will continue to pursue these two avenues to acquire and renovate a fountain. The Pascoag Subcommittee is collaborating with the Historical Society and local libraries to finalize the design of the two storyboards, which will feature historical photos and information pertaining to Burrillville's fountains and post WWII era. Chairman Langlois discussed string lights and illuminated seasonal displays being considered to add ambiance and attraction to Pascoag Main Street. The permanent, low voltage, programmable string lights were approved by Pascoag Utility District. Final selection and location of the illuminated displays are still under consideration.

Recreation Trail-Parking and access signage installation complete.

Pascoag River Walk- Decking repairs or replacement, landscaping, installation of lighting and river clean up to be completed spring of 2022.

Stillwater Mill- Pavilion repairs and security camera installation complete. The BRA is working with the new owners of the former gym and UFO buildings to develop these properties into desired uses. Some proposed uses include a distillery and an outdoor recreation equipment rental company.

Nasonville Redevelopment District-Secretary Wood stated that the boundary of the Redevelopment District must be defined. Large tracts of land are sought to create a new well and recreation areas to include waterfront opportunities. The proposed district boundary would go before the Town Council for approval. The next priority would be to run sewer and water to the area. ARPA funds could potentially fund the project however timing for use of this funding source may be an issue. Chairman Langlois noted that the anchor development project in the area, Nason Mill Landing, has stalled their development plan review process due to the post pandemic economy.

Maintenance-BRA now employs a permanent part time maintenance person to maintain BRA properties.

Discussion with Town Council: Ray Trinique suggested development of a Pump Track Park (dirt or paved looped track with bumps, banks and berms) to offer an updated recreational alternative to the outdated Skate Park. Having this park would potentially deter loitering and destruction of property at the Stillwater Pavilion and Harrisville Gazebo. Amanda Gingell requested the BRA collaborate with Harrisville Fire Department to purchase string lights. A collaboration would allow for continuity between Harrisville and Pascoag's light displays and potentially offer a bulk purchase cost savings.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of minutes of the February 22, 2022 Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Voted to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes. Motion by Mark Thompson. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **INVOICES/BILLS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON:**

Discussion, consideration and action relative to invoice from PUD for water usage at 75-81 Pascoag Main St. from 1/18 to 2/17/2022 to be received and filed.

Discussion, consideration and action relative to invoice The Home Depot for a new restroom lock at 180 Tinkham Ln. to be received and filed.

Discussion, consideration and action relative to invoice from Maloney Properties for additional rent for Clocktower for March quarter payment to be received and filed.

Voted to combine, receive and file all invoices. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Mark Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CONSULTANT/ STAFF REPORTS:**

Discussion, consideration and action relative to financial reports including budgets and audits.

Renay McLeish provided an overview of the financial summary reports.

Voted to receive and file financial reports. Motion by Motion by Renay McLeish. Seconded by George Lough. Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Wages for Maintenance and Repair

Voted to receive and file Agency Wages for Maintenance and Repair. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

BRA Field Update Report

Voted to receive and file BRA Field Update Report. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON:**

Discussion, consideration and action relative to consider scope of work, budget and content for the information/message board(s) for the park on Pascoag Main Street, or take any other action thereon.

Chairman Langlois stated that the Pascoag Subcommittee is collaborating with the Historical Society and local libraries to finalize the design of the two storyboards, which will feature historical photos and information pertaining to Burrillville's fountains and post WWII era. Secretary Wood noted that the contract with the



storyboard vendor expires on April 27<sup>th</sup>. If the final design is not ready for vote at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Planner Goff will request a contract extension or revised quote.

Discussion, consideration and action related to plans and scope of work for the park and other attractions for Pascoag, or take any other actions thereon. Report by the Pascoag Subcommittee.

Fountains-Secretary Wood stated that Chairman Langlois and DPW director will visit an antique dealer in Newport, RI to consider the condition and cost of renovation of the two Jenks Co. fountains in their inventory. Prior to making a high-ticket purchase, Secretary Wood suggested negotiating with the owners of the two historically accurate fountains currently in private possession in Burrillville. Both owners previously declined donation of their fountains but Secretary Wood suggested that they may agree if financial compensation is offered. Additionally, he noted that this avenue of acquisition would likely be more cost effective while maintaining the historical accuracy by installing an original fountain in the Park.

Illuminated Displays-Chairman Langlois stated that he is working with the subcommittee and the DPW Director to consider placement and mounting of the illuminated seasonal displays. Preferred locations include the new park, Veterans Park or the green space next to Thai Royal.

String Lights-Chairman Langlois stated that the Pascoag Utility District approved the selected programmable low voltage string lights. The total cost is approximately \$5,000. The Agency will work with the two (2) fire districts to coordinate purchase of string lights.

**Voted to approve the purchase of string light for Pascoag Main Street in the amount of \$5,000 or less. Motion by Renay McLeish. Seconded by Ed Bonczek. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON: None**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Discussion, consideration and action relative to correspondence from Office of Town Clerk, Application for New Victualing License from RP Winkelson Inc. d/b/a The Canteen at Bravo, 81 Pascoag Main St., Pascoag (Map 175, Lot 061) to be received and filed.

Voted to receive and file. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Mark Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion, consideration and action relative to memo from James A. Langlois, Chairman, BRA to Donald A. Fox, Town Council President inviting Town Council to the BRA Meeting on March 22, 2022 to be received and filed.

Voted to receive and file. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: none**

#### **ADJOURN:**

Voted to adjourn at 8:00p.m. Motion by Chairman Langlois. Seconded by Renay McLeish. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Wood 4/26/2022  
Michael Wood, Secretary Date

Date filed with Town Clerk: APR 27 2022 *19M*