

900 Worcester Street Committee

February 4, 2016

7 pm at the Warren Building

Attending:

Andy Wrobel, William Darcey, Eric Fichtel, , Suzy Littlefield (left at 7:35 pm,) Miguel Lessing, Mike Pakstis, Meghan Jop, Barbara Searle, Ellen Gibbs, Deborah Carpenter, Jennie Merrill, Tim Barrett, David Perry, Matt Chin, Patti Quigley (arrived 7:40 pm),

Minutes of January 20th:

Motion: To approve minutes from January 20, 2016 Deb Carpenter
Second: By Ellen Gibbs
Vote: All in favor

Alternative to reissuing the RFP - Darcey:

Bill Darcey asked the Committee to reconsider its vote at the prior meeting to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that 900 W reject the three responses it has received and reissue a “fast track” revised RFP. Bill pointed out the responses were good and in reconsidering the vote asked if the committee could approve a “contingent recommendation” instead. Many discussed the reasons for the vote at the prior meeting. Jennie Merrill remind the committee it needed to vote on the merits of what was in the responses and what it learned through the Q&A only. Some raised the concerns that one of the respondents may not respond which would be disappointing and could put at risk the development and Town's leverage. After 30 minutes of discussion (including hearing from one Town resident who is also affiliated with one of the respondents), a motion to reconsider was made.

MOTION: Reconsider the recommendation vote from the January 20, 2016 meeting (7:30pm)

Motion: by Bill Darcey
Second: by Eric Fichtel
Vote: In Favor: Bill Darcey and Eric Fichtel

Opposed: Andy Wrobel, Suzy Littlefield, Miguel Lessing, Mike Pakstis (abstained), Meghan Jop (abstained), Barbara Searle, Ellen Gibbs, Deborah Carpenter, Jennie Merrill (abstained), Tim Barrett, David Perry, Matt Chin (abstained)

Motion did not pass

Prepare for Board of Selectmen meeting – February 8:

Andy Wrobel will put together rough draft and will distribute on Saturday (February 6). Committee is encouraged to provide feedback and a final draft will be sent out after additions/corrections by Committee.

Barbara Searle suggests a one page information outline be put together and given to Board of Selectmen

prior to the 900 Worcester Street Committee's presentation.

Citizens Speak:

Garrett Solomon of Corbelis (and Wellesley resident) expressed his disappointment in the Committee's decision and questioned the Town's commitment to the project and as a result said Corbelis would have to reconsider if they want to respond again..

Motion: To approve adjourn Miguel Lessing
Second: By David Perry
Vote: All in favor

Meeting ended at 7:45 pm