

TOWN/VILLAGE OF CANTON
JOINT BOARD MEETING

December 19th 2016

5:30 pm

Minutes

Present: Supervisor David T. Button, Council members Paul Backus, James Smith, Phil LaMarche and Bob Washo

Also in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Village Mayor Mike Dalton, Village Clerk Sally Noble, Cara Adams and Megan Mousaw. Village Trustees Beth Larrabee, Dwight Stevenson, Sean O'Brien and Carol Pynchon, Community Developer Leigh Rodriguez, Rosemary Philips, Jake Newman, Tom Jenison, Ben Dixon, Louis Tremaine, Lenore Vanderzee

5:30 P.M. Mayor Mike Dalton opened the Joint meeting

Discussion was held on the CFA award to the Town for waterfront revitalization and the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Canton regarding the sharing of the Economic Developer office and appropriate compensation for sharing.

Supervisor David Button addressed the MOU and thanked the Steering Committee for developing the agreement. Button stated that there was broad support for the agreement among Town Board members and turned his attention to the Village's involvement with waterfront revitalization. Button reviewed the agreement made on July 28th in which the Village and Town agreed to work together on the project and the Village's decision in September to back away. Supervisor Button asked if the Village was willing to rejoin the initiative (given that the Town has received a grant for the project).

Mayor Dalton stated that he would like to see this evolve into a solid vision and that the Village Board is behind the Town and its waterfront initiatives and also that the Village has already approved the MOU.

Councilman Smith stated he is comfortable with the MOU and added that it should be revisited from time to time.

Motion to sign the MOU as presented with a sunset clause of December 31, 2017

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

Mayor Dalton touched base on the CFA Town grant, noting the walkway under the bridge, the development of water front on Riverside Drive and acquisition to property. Dalton stated that the Village back away from the applying for a Restore New York grant because one of the developers could not make the commitment. Dalton added that he would like to be involved in looking for a new developer and go forward with this project.

Trustee Carol Pynchon stated that our goal is that all be in the process together (jointly), she stated she wants to make great things happen for Canton along the river. Pynchon stated that she doesn't want it to be "what does the Town think and what does the Village think". She wants it to be what do we think together. Councilman Washo expressed concerns of not finding a developer and going to plan B to purchase property on Riverside Drive. Button suggested letting the Economic Development Steering Committee "chew on it". Mayor Dalton stated the Village will be more than happy to help find a developer. Supervisor Button stated we may not have a contract for months and the grant is good for five years. Mayor Dalton added that this should give us plenty of time to develop the concept.

Washo suggested quarterly joint meetings between the Town and the Village boards. Trustee Sean O'Brien wants to highlight the fact that best boats the world has ever seen were launched from Riverside Drive here in Canton. Phil LaMarche talked about putting information out to the general public and keeping them informed of any developments along with being transparent. LaMarche looks forward to community input and working with the comprehensive plan.

Supervisor Button wants to stay consistent with the Waterfront Plan and work together with the Village to do so.

Conversation turned to a grant with the New York State Department of State Contract for agreement T1000671 (related to the Land Use Waterfront Planning). Motion to authorize Supervisor Button to execute the contract (amending it to show Leigh Rodriguez as Contact Person #1 on Page 4 of the contract).

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

Supervisor Button recommended that Leigh Rodriguez move down the hall to the formerly occupied by the Community Developer. All members of both boards were in agreement. Rodriguez welcomes this and looks forward to the move. Village Trustee Beth Larrabee stated she looks forward to collaboration with the Town

6:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn Town Board section of meeting

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa A. Hammond".

Lisa A. Hammond, Canton Town Clerk