

Northbridge Redevelopment Authority

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Present: *Lee Gaudette, Chair; Thomas Begin, Clerk; Michael Wilkes, Member;*

Members Absent: *Sarah Kilkenny, Vice Chair;*

Chairman Gaudette called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

The Authority reviewed the previous minutes of February 2, 2022.

Mr. Begin moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022 with edits; Mr. Wilkes seconded the motion; the vote was 3-0-0 in favor;

Reorganization

The nominations for officers were: Mr. Gaudette, Chair; Mr. Wilkes, Vice Chair; Mr. Begin, Clerk;

Chairman Gaudette moved the nominations; Mr. Wilkes second the motion; the vote was 3-0-0 in favor;

There was no report from the Chair.

Mr. Gaudette reviewed the Board of Selectmen public meeting that reviewed the Slum and Blight Report. There was no public input during that time. The Selectmen approved the report, which officially gives the go-ahead to submit the report to the State for formal review/approvals. This process typically takes 90-120 days for review. The Selectmen did not have any concrete suggestions on how the NRDA could support this effort but are open to working collaboratively. Additionally, the BLOCK program was a funding source that was identified during this meeting. The NRDA held a discussion on the report and the statistics identified within the report.

Vice Chair Wilkes discussed a conversation he had with Senator's Fattman and Moore. Both expressed their interest in supporting the NRDA's efforts in identifying funding for NRDA's initiatives that will be born out of the approved Slum and Blight Report.

Vice Chair Wilkes discussed a conversation he had with Father Tomasz regarding the Young Neighbors in Action Group and how the NRDA could potentially work with them in the future to

beautify areas around town. Chairman Gaudette asked Vice Chair Wilkes to look further into this and how the NRDA could potentially support this within our charge.

The NRDA set its next meeting for August 24, 2022 at 530 pm and invite Town Planner Gary Beckholdt.

Mr. Begin moved to adjourn; Mr. Wilkes seconded the motion; the vote was 3-0-0 in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm