

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

June 18, 2008

Present – Committee Members:

Mayor Wright, Joe Harpie, Jay Bottolico, Mike Lenares, Jeff Hedberg, Chris Banach.

Others Present:

Myra Cohen, Val Ginn, Ben Jordan, Town Manager, John Salomone, Town Planner, Ed Meehan.

- I. Mayor Wright opened the meeting and gave a general overview of the Commission's mission: To complete the municipal parking lot and use these improvements as a catalyst for business growth in the Center. Key objectives should be pedestrian access and safe connectivity from adjacent streets into the parking lot and better identification of entry points.
- II. Ed Meehan summarized the various studies and plans for the municipal parking lot. They go back to the 1950's when properties were deeded to the Town by the Goodale and Hambury families.

1965 Plan of Development for Central Area, T.P.A. Planning Consultants.

1976 Newington Center Plan & Development Commission, Parish & Pine Consultants.

1978 Municipal Parking Lot Design, Robert Donald, Consultant-Town Planner.

1986 Newington Center Parking Plan Site Layout – TPZ Robert Donald

1999 Newington Town Center Market Study, "Center Walk" Chesapeake Group.

2000 Town Center Design Guidelines – TPZ O'Riordan Migani.

2003 Newington Center A Conceptual Redevelopment Study, Maguire Group, Inc. prepared STEAP Grant projects.

III. Grant Administration Process

Ed Meehan reported that he has contacted DECD to discuss procedure for receipt of the Bond Commission \$1 million authorization. DECD will administer the award as an "Urban Action Grant Program" appropriation. Application and contracting will be through the Town Manager's Office

IV. Project Schedule

A draft project schedule dated June 13, 2008 was distributed. Further discussion at the next meeting.

V. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is set for June 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund Meehan
Town Planner