

**MONTAGUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
TOWN HALL
1 AVENUE A
TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376**

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday January 23, 2014 at 4:00PM
Town Hall – Upstairs Meeting Room
1 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Present: Lynn Reynolds (Chair), Moon Morgan, Don Valley, Linda Ackerman, Richard Ruth, John Furbish

Absent: none

Staff: Walter Ramsey, Town Planner

Also Present: none

Lynn R. opened the meeting at 4:03 PM

Approval of minutes was tabled to next meeting.

38 Ave A: Updates, review demo bids, Town Meeting prep

Richard and Walter review the bids received. Walter verified one reference for the low bidder, who showed strong confidence in Moschetti & Sons. Richard found merit in other proposals, but ceded that Moschetti met the minimum bid requirements.

Motion by Moon M to nominate Moschetti & Sons for the low bid (\$24,750) for the proposed demolition of 38 Ave A with the understanding that the awarding of the bid will be subject to Town Meeting authorization and on the condition that all 3 references are checked by Walter. Seconded by Don V. All approved. Motion passed.

Prior to attending Town Meeting on 1/30, Don felt the EDIC should take definitive action on MCCI's proposal.

Motion by Don V to withdraw acceptance of the previously accepted proposal by MCCI due to their inability to demonstrate financing for the proposal within a reasonable timeframe. Seconded by Linda A. All approved. Motion passed.

EDIC discussed two talking points for Town Meeting:

- 1) After four years of effort, both sides got close, but the proponent could not get financing. Town counsel has advised EDIC not to sign a P+S without a viable financing plan.
- 2) The existing appropriation is not enough to remediate and construct a new roof. The 30K will not solve the problem.

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Linda will present the motion at Town meeting, Walter will follow-up with facts/timeline.

Re-organize Board

Motion by Don V. to continue all current board positions through the next calendar year (Reynolds-Chair, Ackerman-Treasurer, Morgan-Secretary). All approved. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned a 5:26 PM

Minutes prepared by Walter R

Approved by:

Date: