

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

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday February 8, 2023 at 5:00PM

### **REMOTE MEETING**

Present: Ella Ingraham, Rob Steinberg, Kimbely Williams, John Furbish, Richard Ruth  
Absent: James Mussoni, Linda Ackerman

Meeting Opened a 5:00 PM RR presiding

MOTION to approved 11/2/22 minutes by RS. Seconced by EI. RR-AYE, JF- AYE, EI-AYE, RS-AYE. Motion Passed.

#### 38 Avenue A Updates

- Library Study updates. WR reported that the Library Trustees are submitting a Letter of Intend to the Mass Library Building Commission. If successful, the feasibility study would be conducted in FY25. This means potentially committing the property for 2+ years while the study gets underway. The property could be transferred to the town sooner.
- Demolition capital article request to Town Meeting (\$50,000). WR reports that this is on the ATM warrant. The project would be bid this summer. The EDIC support the motion, which was initiated by the EDIC.
- Property insurance. Property is insured through Feb 202. Insurance will be revisited once the building is demolished.
- 330 Montague City Road (former Farren property)
  - Property Status update and timeline. WR reports that interior demo has begun. The town still needs to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement over the spring/summer.
  - Discuss potential of EDIC acquisition of 10 acre property. The EDIC expressed interest in playing an active role in the possible ownership and redevelopment of the property. EDIC could help the town facilitate sale to a development partner. It is under the purview of EDIC's Economic Development plan. There would need to be a concerted and substantial effort of the EDIC to get organized to take on a project of this magnitude.
- Canal District
  - Next steps for Canal District North End Renewal project: Town is submitting a Community One Stop grant application to advance design of for this project

Next Meeting date and time: April 12. Meeting closed at 6:05 PM