

CITY OF LACONIA WEIRS TIF ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, April 27th, 2023 – 2:00 PM

City Hall – Conference Room 200B

4/27/2023 Minutes

In attendance: Robert Ames, Russell Poirier, Joseph Driscoll III, Ryan Cardella, Jonathan Thurston, and Matthew Mansur

Recording Secretary & Staff in Attendance: M. Mansur, Ast Dir of Recreation & Facilities

1. Call to Order

Chairman R. Ames: Called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

2.1 Draft Minutes (PDF)

Chairman R. Ames asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the 8/10/22 meeting.

R. Poirier motioned to approve the minutes, J. Driscoll seconded the motion, and all voted in favor 5-0.

3. Update on City Action regarding reconfiguration of the public docks

Staff briefed the Board that all bids came in above the available dollars set aside for the project. The city is seeking additional funding for the project. The board asked staff to identify the lifespan of the grant and to find out if this project can be phased in over time.

4. Update on City Action regarding restoration of the beach

Staff briefed the Board on the most recent conversation with NHDES about back-passing the sand at Weirs Beach. Staff shared that any action where sand would be taken from the water would require a Wetlands Standard Dredge and Fill Application which would be classified as Major. Ryan Cardella said he would talk to a contact at DES in order to clarify and seek additional guidance.

5. Review of Weirs TIF Financials

The financial details from the Proposed City Budget were presented. Under current projections the fund will attain a positive balance in FY25.

6. Review of Weirs TIF Proposed Development Activities Wish list

The Board reviewed the revised Weirs TIF Proposed Development Activities. The Board reviewed whether or not to keep item #7: “ADA public restroom on, or adjoining, the boardwalk” on the list as the Mt. Washington pier area provides an ADA restroom for the public. After discussion, the Board agreed to keep the item as is. The Board asked staff to present these Development Activities to the City Council for formal approval.

7. New Business

7a. Monadnock Archeology at Weirs Drive-In

R. Poirier informed the Board of a recent archeological report done by Monadnock Archeology Consulting, LLC. Their report shows no evidence of archaeological artifacts found at the site of the Weirs Drive-In. The owner of the Drive-In is worried about a rumor that there are artifacts which, in turn, is dissuading potential buyers.

7b. Dartmouth Archeology at Weirs Beach

Staff briefed the Board on a recent LIDAR study which highlighted an area in Endicott Rock Park where they would like to dig. They will begin their dig on May 18, and it will go on until May 23. They invite anyone to come out, observe, and ask questions.

8. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 24th at 2:00 at City Hall Conference Room 200B

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.