

Village of Canton, New York

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: July 28, 2016

Village Board Present:

Michael Dalton, Mayor
Dwight Stevenson, Trustee
Beth Larrabee, Trustee

Carol Pynchon, Trustee
Sean O'Brien, Trustee

Others Present:

Sally Noble, Village Clerk
Paul Backus, Councilman
Robert Washo, Councilman
Linda McQuinn, Community Developer
Anne Sibley, SUNY Canton

David Button, Town Supervisor
Rosemary Phillips, Councilwoman
James Smith, Councilman
Lisa Hammond, Town Clerk

8:00AM – Mayor Dalton opened the special meeting.

Supervisor Button opened the discussion regarding a CFA (consolidated funding application) program implementation grant – Local Waterfront Revitalization. The goals of the application coincide with the following WRP goals:

Goal 1: Enhance existing and develop new waterfront parks to provide for greater public access and enjoyment of the Grasse River.

Goal 2: Expand and enhance the land trails network and pedestrian linkages within and to the Waterfront Area.

Goal 3: Establish a Blueway Trail between Morley and Pyrites and develop and improve other water-dependent recreational opportunities.

Goal 5: Revitalize and strengthen the local economy by encouraging the development and redevelopment of waterfront properties into an appropriate mix of uses and densities that are compatible with the waterfront and the historic Village of Canton.

Goal 8: Develop tourism as an economic engine.

It also incorporates the Brownfield Pre-Nomination Study, the following BOA program goals:

- 1. Protect the shoreline and the natural resources that comprise the Grasse River and its eco-system;*
- 2. Revitalize and strengthen the local economy by encouraging the development and redevelopment of underutilized and brownfield properties into an appropriate mix of uses that are compatible with the Grasse River waterfront and the historic Village of Canton;*
- 3. Increase the public/private partnerships that already exist between the Town and Village of Canton, the two local universities, the local business leaders and the citizens within the community;*

4. *Increase the value of the shoreline properties, thereby encouraging economic growth and development;*
5. *Maximize public access and enjoyment of the Grasse River; and*
6. *Expand and enhance the land trails network and pedestrian and pedestrian linkages within and to the waterfront area.*

The areas of high priority are the development of a pedestrian pathway between the two islands, Coakley and Canton Village Islands; to acquire and rehabilitate a blighted property along one of Canton's major access routes; and to provide for the design of a world-class whitewater park.

The total cost of the project being \$456,000. The local share would be \$236,000. There was discussion of the possible SUNY Canton participation in the project and uses of the property. Anne Sibley was present to represent SUNY Canton.

Councilman Smith questioned who was going to be doing the demolition. He felt local contractors should be given the opportunity to bid on that aspect of the project if was going to be demolished after the purchase.

Trustee Pynchon asked who would be maintaining the walkway between the islands. Supervisor Button replied that would be Grasse River Heritage. Trustee Pynchon wants to make sure they are aware of that as they are a small group of individuals.

Trustee O'Brien feels strongly this project should be associated with Rushton. It is a great opportunity to educate and promote Rushton's contribution to our history.

Supervisor Button read the town resolution accepting lead agency status of a local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Grant. Councilman Smith made a motion to pass the resolution, Councilwoman Phillips seconded the resolution. Everyone voted in favor. The resolution passes. See page _____.

The Village did not pass a resolution as the Town is acting as lead agency. Trustee Stevenson did make a motion to approve the Mayor writing a letter of cooperation and support for the program. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor. The motion passes.

Trustee Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20AM. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Noble
Village Clerk