

Meeting Minutes

Stafford Brownfields Advisory Committee
Warren Memorial Town Hall

1st Floor Conference Room
Special Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:00pm

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1. Establish quorum and call the meeting to order.

Members present: Sean P. Beaudry, Aaron Eberhard, Kathy Geryk, Beth Magura, Todd Ostrowski, Amber Wakley. Quorum established.

2. Approve meeting minutes of January 17, 2024

No action taken.

3. Site specific updates

Despite the denial of the Removal Action request for the Hydeville Mill, efforts will persist to resubmit for consideration and explore alternative opportunities. A Site Visit has been scheduled for February 21 with the UConn Engineering Department/Technical Assistance for Brownfields. This visit will inform the site reuse assessment project led by students. The objective is to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the property's potential for reuse. Following the visit, the students will present key findings derived from available environmental studies, community engagement efforts, planning and zoning considerations, local market data, infrastructure conditions, as well as any opportunities, constraints, and other pertinent information related to the property.

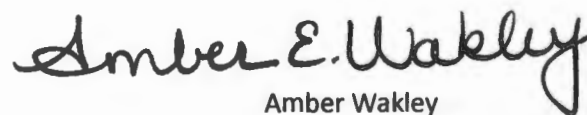
4. Discussion the Former Witt School property

The proposed/conceptual plan under the Cleanup Grant proposal is to redevelop the Witt School as a mixed-use space that include recreational and community hub areas on the first floor and a mix of housing on the second floor. The Committee discussed various reuse scenarios that incorporate business incubator space, housing, food access, community space, and small-scale manufacturing. The Committee discussed concepts of ownership and the blend of a public/private redevelopment, and how those elements could come together in terms of end use. To help guide efforts, a federal Technical Assistance Request to conduct a Financial Feasibility Analysis and Market Use Research in support of the Witt School project will be submitted this month. The goal is to gather further quantitative information to narrow the project scope and, hopefully, attract partnerships/developer interest.

5. New business - No specific new business was introduced during the meeting; however, the Committee engaged in an ongoing exchange of ideas, drawing from their respective professional experiences in community development.

6. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Amber Wakley