

**Town of Preston
Norwich Hospital Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2009
Preston Town Hall
7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Biber called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm

Joseph Biber - Chairman
Michael Sinko – Vice Chairman - excused
Roy Beauregard
Kent Borner
Allyn Brown III
Bob Congdon - excused
Sandy Ewing
Merrill Gerber
Gerald Grabarek - absent
Dan Kulesza

2. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2009 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Merrill Gerber and seconded by Dan Kulesza to approve the minutes of the Norwich Hospital Advisory Committee (NHAC) April 15, 2009 Regular Meeting as amended. All in favor. So voted. Sandy Ewing abstained.

Page 2, last line; Bob Mills, NECD, should read Bob Mills, NCDC.

3. Communications

- a. Professional biography of Kerry F. Gentry appointed as a member of the Preston Redevelopment Agency.
- b. List of grants either submitted or being prepared for submittal.
- c. Letter date April 7, 2009 to First Selectman Congdon from Val Ferro offering master planning assistance for the Norwich Hospital property.

4. Presentation from Val Ferro of Weston Solutions on master planning for development

Val Ferro displayed a few of the master plans she has previously worked on and stated that Weston Solutions is still willing to assist pro bono.

5. Redevelopment Agency – BOS Selection

Joe Biber said ten positions have been voted on by the BOS.

Sandy Ewing said she heard that Dan Kulesza is retiring and she will miss him.

6. Discussion pursuant to development of the former Norwich State Hospital property

NHAC members discussed and made changes to the power point presentation developed for the April 30th town meeting to vote on the ordinance.

7. Public Comment

Mike Clancy, Preston resident asked if the master planning has to be done before cleanup and demolition.

Joe Biber answered that the master plan should be understood because you want to know for the cleanup purposes what the uses are going to be because the uses will govern what the standards and classifications of remediation need to be and that will control cost to some degree. In reality some of this will probably be moving in parallel.

Mike Clancy asked how long the process for the master plan will take.

Val Ferro explained that the master plan they are proposing is really to anchor the idea that the committee is moving forward and taking responsibility for redevelopment, it does not preclude an longer and evolving master plan that reflects more detail information on the remediation. This initial master plan is more like your vision and will take two or three months.

Bob Mills, NCDC suggested the committee develop a communication plan and discuss that at tomorrow's town meeting.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sandy Ewing and seconded by Allyn Brown to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. All in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Charpentier
recorder