

Somersworth Hilltop Commission

Draft minutes

May 5, 2015

Members present: Councilor Jessica Paradis, City manager Bob Belmore, Superintendent Jenni Mosca, NH Department of Historical Resources Peter Michaud, Chris Smith, Madeline DeSantis.

Ms. Paradis called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Ms. DeSantis motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 2016, seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor.

Mr. Michaud said that he updated the matrix with the comments from the previous meeting.

Mr. Michaud explained that the next steps should be looking at the financial incentives for the different options listed to flesh out and compare tax/financial incentives of each option. Mr. Michaud commented that after we look at the incentives we will know more about the different scenarios and can better break in to sub-committees to explore before examining options as a group. It would be good to have Scott Smith and the economic developer involved in this discussion.

Mr. Belmore said he would direct them to the next meeting.

The matrix was tabled for discussion until the next meeting where it can be discussed in greater detail.

Mr. Smith suggested it might be good to have a public meeting to discuss the options to find out where the public stands. This meeting would have only the options the group has narrowed down as opposed to a public brainstorming charrette.

Mr. Belmore suggested that we add a simple line on the website with our meeting times to let people know we are discussing Hilltop reuse: "If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see in Hilltop please contact Marty Dumont..."

Mr. Belmore informed the group that Strafford Regional Planning recently applied for \$200,000 and included Hilltop among places where the money might be used for hazardous waste removal.

Next meeting will be June 8 at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Belmore, seconded by Mr. Michaud, all in favor.