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HDC Minutes
7/12/11

AUGUST MEETING:

It was determined that, if no hearings are submitted by this coming Friday noon (July 15th), we shall not meet until September 13th.

OTHER:

Mr. Dingman asked Mr. Capone for any word for the special town meeting. Mr. Capone stated that it will be held July 20th at the Old Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Capone was then asked about the mica building. He explained that he is to submit more information to the EPA. He is trying to move this along as quickly as possible. Any reimbursement money will not be available before Oct. 1st.

Mr. Dingman asked about the Water Street bridge. Mr. Capone stated that they are to meet with the Army Corps of Engineers again. He is trying to get the snow machine element in.

Mr. Douglas asked about the two buildings below the mica building and the attempt to demolish them. Mr. Capone explained that the Reynolds building is in foreclosure. He is trying to get the bank to turn it over to the town as the owner must give input for a Brownfield grant. As to the Adams building, they are looking to trade for a town-owned property perhaps. All of this will take time unfortunately, but Mr. Capone is moving it along as quickly as he can.

Mr. Capone also mentioned that they are finished with the surveying for the TE grant and are now working on the architectural design. Also, the Middle school project will be done soon. The Elementary school portion of the "Safe Routes to School" grant will probably take a couple of years.

The Library is pursuing a home-grown approach with their expansion plans now. They have local professionals working on a new plan and are doing some fund-raising.

Mr. Capone is also working on a search for funding for landlords in the Historic District/Downtown. Other transportation money may be available. They are to include another Economic Development meeting so as to get the landlords, as well as the business owners, involved.

With no other business, S. Heaney made a motion, second by D. Gordon, to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere, recording secretary