

**To Be Approved**

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting – Via Zoom # 97800200951**

**Putnam Redevelopment Agency**

**Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

**Time: 8:00 a.m.**

**Roll Call:** Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Agency members: Dawn Krasnecky, Lee Konicki, Ron Coderre, and Tony Chabot. Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre. Delia Fey joined at 8:12 a.m.

Chairman opened the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes March 09, 2021\*:** Member Konicki motioned to approve the meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Member Chabot, motion passed.

**Reporting of Expenditures – March 2020:** March expenditures were reviewed.

**New Business:**

**a) April is Fair Housing Month:** Assistant Lefevre explained the need for declaring “April is Fair Housing Month”. The Town receives Small Cities Community Development Block Grants which requires the adoption of certain compliance documents. Annually, these documents are reviewed and presented to the Board of Selectmen. Once approved the compliance documents including “April is Fair Housing” month are adopted in March. In April, Fair Housing brochures are reviewed and updated as necessary, then distributed to local Realtors, Banks, Schools, Library and Town Hall providing public awareness. Assistant Lefevre is currently the Fair Housing Coordinator. Copies of brochure and April is Celebrate Fair Housing Month poster to be emailed to members.

**b) Meeting Type\*:** Director explained hybrid meetings can now be utilized. Upon brief discussion, Member Konicki motioned to hold the next meeting has a hybrid meeting, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

- a) **Housing Study:** The Director shared the State is mandating each town have an Affordable Housing Study by 2022. She recently had a conference call with John Guskowski, a planner who is currently assisting 13 towns with a housing study to gain perspective as to what is entailed in this study. Information can be found on the Advance CT (formerly the CT Economic Resource Center or CERC) website. Putnam has a 12.9% of affordable housing. The study will not just focus on affordable housing but rather be more comprehensive. The link will be emailed to the members.
- b) **Homelessness:** Director recently met with Karen Osbrey and Kathi Peterson. Both ladies are involved with various community organizations and their positions touch base with homelessness. Municipalities are now responsible for homelessness action items. Conversations are in infancy stages. Agenda item to be kept on for future meeting discussions.

### **Updates:**

- a) **C.D.B.G. Monthly Report:** The report was reviewed.
- b) **Amendment to The Rehabilitation Area Zone Tax Deferral Program:** Town Attorney was consulted. The Amendment would expand the area to include the whole Special Services area. Next steps to bring before Planning Commission and on to Town Meeting.
- c) **FY 21/22 Redevelopment Agency Budget:** The Director reported the Professional Services line item was cut by \$ 500. bringing the total down to \$ 3,500. Total FY 21/22 PRA Budget will be \$ 4,500.

**Public Participation:** None

**Adjournment\*:** Member Konicki motioned to adjourn the Redevelopment Agency meeting, seconded by Member Chabot. Motion passed Adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre