TOWN CLERK-PUTNAM CT

## To Be Approved

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting

## Via Zoom # 823 4808 9279 and In Person

**Putnam Redevelopment Agency** 

Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Agency members Doug Taylor, Dawn Krasnecky, Ron Coderre, Delia Fey (Zoom), and Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre. Mayor Seney arrived 8:11 am

Land Use Agent Bruce Fitzback arrived 8: 26 am

Absent: Lee Konicki

Chairman opened the meeting at 8:01 a.m. The Agency met in new Complex Conference room 109.

<u>Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021\*</u>: Member Coderre motioned to approve the September 21, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.

Reporting of Expenditures - August 2021: Expenditures were reviewed.

## New Business Blight - Mayor Seney:

The mayor explained now that things seem to be settling down from the big move, the focus can be more on blight and beautification. Discussion ensued. Familiar properties were discussed. The mayor brought forward some facts in terms of blighted properties: COVID prevented eviction, an administrative warrant is necessary, and a town ordinance in place whereby eminent domain can not be utilized. Suggestions were to contact Town Attorney and invite to next regular meeting to discuss how to move forward. The town has started to set aside funds for blight in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Member Coderre inquired if the agency could receive a copy of the blight report monthly same as presented to the Board of Selectmen. Majority wishes to walk the area of the train trestle and parking area on corners of Front and South Main Steet to view the area for beautification ideas. An afternoon timeframe was suggested. Director to coordinate.

Old Business: None

<u>Updates:</u> <u>C.D.B.G. monthly report</u>: The October 5, 2021 report was reviewed.

<u>Amendment to the Rehabilitation Area Zone Tax Deferral Program:</u> Director informed the Commission that the Amendment had been approved at the Town Meeting.

<u>Public Participation:</u> Jeremy, a Putnam resident, multi-family property owner on Barber Street and business owner of Putnam Home Repair and Improvement, introduced himself. He stated he was in attendance to observe and to promote his business. The company also does landscaping.

<u>Adjournment\*:</u> Member Taylor motioned to adjourn the Redevelopment Agency meeting, seconded by Member Krasnecky. Motion passed Adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre