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Minutes of Meeting of February 2, 2012

Chair Larry Aubertine called the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Town of Clayton Board Room on Riverside Drive in Clayton. Also in attendance were Bud Baril, Vice Chairman; Justin Taylor, Treasurer; Chris Bogenschutz, Assistant Secretary; and John Slattery, Secretary; along with Board Members Cary Brick, Michael Docteur, Mike Geiss, and Norma Zimmer. Walt Christensen, Lori Durand, Rebecca Hopfinger, John Kehoe, Kathy LaClair, and Joe Menard were excused. Executive Director Kristi Dippel and advisors Paul Heckmann and Mike Bristol and guest Diane Grater were also present.

On motion by Michael Docteur, second by Justin Taylor, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2012.

Chairman Aubertine announced that Senator Ritchie's office was assisting with grant processing. On motion by Justin Taylor, second by Mike Geiss, the Board unanimously approved moving all CLDC checking accounts from Key Bank to Watertown Savings Bank because of the difficulties we have had with Key's services. He also announced that David Hart and Paul Neurichter were working on the land transfer agreement per a teleconference with Larry Aubertine, Justin Taylor, Kristi Dippel, and Paul Heckmann.

Treasurer Taylor presented two bills for approval in the amount of \$2,729.23 which, when paid, will leave a negative balance of \$309.98 in the CLDC checking account which will be brought into the black with the Town's imminent payment of its annual share of \$10,000. For the Town's Frink Asbestos & Demo Account, there is \$3,332.07 in the Capital Account and \$12,000 in the Money Market Account. The Town has \$26,906.27 in the Frink Redevelopment Capital Account and \$30,010.34 in the Frink Redevelopment Money Market Account. We have received \$24,000 reimbursement on Riverwalk 2.0. On motion by Mike Geiss, second by Norma Zimmer, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills and the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel distributed her monthly Administrative Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Board gave her the go ahead to apply for the next round of Main Street Grants.

Several concerns were expressed about the lack of progress on the Golden Anchor project. Cary Brick will draft a letter to Lance Peterson and Jim Cumming regarding the project.

For the Redevelopment Committee, Paul Heckmann reported that Krog is still addressing public concerns regarding the size and sustainability of the proposed hotel. Paul will be sharing the technical report on the dock with his committee and with local contractors who are involved with dock construction.

For the Frink Park/Riverwalk Committee, Norma Zimmer stated that four bids for the “Replica Train Depot” were received with the lowest bid amounting to \$498,000. Aubertine and Currier are exploring the possibility of securing additional funding from the Seaway Corporation.

For the Governance Committee, Mike Geiss announced that the State had rejected our request for a waiver of the requirement of an annual audit. On motion by Mike Geiss, second by Cary Brick, the Board unanimously approved retaining Sovie and Bowie to conduct the 2011 audit for a not to exceed fee of \$4,800. Mike also announced that the Freedom of Information Act requires that our minutes, agendas, and other information be posted on our website for the public to be able to access. He distributed drafts of policies for Procurement and Investments to be reviewed prior to approval at the March meeting.

The Chair declared that the next meeting of the CLDC Board will be held March 1, 2012, in the Town of Clayton Board Room beginning at 4:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. on motion by Mike Geiss, second by John Slattery.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Slattery, Secretary