

**TOWN OF SOMERS
SOMERSVILLE MILL STRATEGIC PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 1, 2015
7:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room
Town Hall**

Call to Order:

Chairman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Members Present:

Members present included Chairman Tim Keeney, Vice Chairman Brad Pellissier and Members Erik Ness, and Ralph Williams.

Roundtable Discussion re Options and Possible Recommendations:

In a general discussion which addressed proposals for the Committee report to the Selectman, Vice Chairman Pellissier recommended that an introduction should include a brief description of comments made by invited presenters to the Committee. In a discussion about the importance of the Town's vision for the property in support of any competitive grant request, suggestions for the Town to consider included: enhance recreational uses, turn vacant eyesore into a commercial productive reuse, use economic development of the site as a lynch pin for additional economic activity within any Planned Development District, and ameliorate an ever increasing public nuisance.

A consensus was reached with regard to the inability to make additional specific recommendations until the environmental assessment report is completed and shared with the Committee.

Approval of Minutes:

August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chairman Pellissier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ness, to approve the August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes as drafted without amendment. Motion passed.

September 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Ness made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the September 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes as drafted with one spelling correction of the word "compilation". Motion passed with three votes in support and one abstention.

It was agreed the next meeting will be October 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall assuming the GEI environmental report has been available for review by the members at least two days beforehand.

Adjournment:

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm, seconded by Mr. Ness. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Keeney, Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.