**MINUTES
DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
& REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY JOINT MEETING
CRANE ROOM, DALTON TOWN HALL
March 13th, 2019
8:00 A.M.**

**DDIC members present:** Kenneth E. Walto, Chair
 John F. Boyle
 Karen Schmidt
 Michael Hoffman (via phone conference)
 Isa Ali
 Andy Perenick

**Also present:** Brittany Miller, Recording Secretary
 Rebecca Slick, Town Planner

**DDIC & DRA members absent:** Augustus Schnopp
 Charles J. Dooley, Vice Chair
 Michael Ferry
 Anthony P. Doyle
 Susan C. Vigeant

**Call to Order:** Mr. Walto called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

New Member Intro:** Andy Perenick was welcomed into the Commission this meeting.

**Minutes:** Could not approve due to lack of a quorum. **Mass Development Grant- Mill Town Capital:** Kenneth Walto, Mike Ferry, and Carey Holland met and spoke two weeks ago. Holland will be coming to the next DIC meeting to talk cultural facility grants/ plans for Dalton. In the mean-time, she would like help with the grant to build walkways in front of the Kittredge House to connect CRA and DYC properties. This could branch out further; K.W. states that he would like to see bluegrass concerts on the CRA lawn. R.S. will send packets to the Board on connecting walkways as preparation. Mill Town Capital applied for a special permit to convert the use of the building from residential to business offices, so they are rehabilitating and looking for tenants.

**Demolition of Old Dalton High & Lot Disposition Plan:** Options for this space were reiterated. Discussion is had in that taking care of the drainage before the sale of lots which could be a million dollar project. Developed or not, it’s still a project to address as it affects existing homes nearby. Walto states that Paul Mark has a million dollar grant, but we need to discover where it is and how to get our hands on it. R.S. points out that “if we get the hydrological study, all of our past work is done, making it easier to file”. We may want to construct a retention basin to make up for the school’s basement which happened to act as one, but will now be filled in. K.S. suggests waiting until after the new Wahconah is built – J.B. agrees as we can assess how the land drains water throughout the seasons. R.S. adds that it would give us more time to search for grants. K.S. suggests, “We have flat line growth, maybe we can allow businesses to fly in”. J.B. replies that “from a business standpoint, what good is a little tax revenue if we have to spend 2.5 million?” This matter is tabled until next meeting.

**Green Community Streetlights Project:** Walto reports that their minor punch list is complete. Street lighting cost is now substantially decreased just from simply buying them. The Town may only have to borrow $10K thanks to grants.

**Grow Dalton:** Isa states that their schedule of events for summer is of priority. Parking for the Farmers Market is still a problem. K.W. mentioned that Holland may discuss Kittredge’s front lawn as a location for the markets; there are grants for parking we can think about if the CRA wants to expand. Isa adds that we can “possibly tack it on to the cultural sidewalk grant”. As spoken in past meeting, J.B. suggests leasing out Horth’s lot for extra parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Miller
Recording Secretary

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Crane Room of Dalton Town Hall.*

**Items for Future Agendas:** K.W.: Demolition of Old Dalton High & Lot Disposition Plan.
 K.W. Chamber of Commerce- The Colonial. Speak to Jonathan
 Butler.
 I.A.: Town Parking Plans