

Southfield Redevelopment Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 @ 7:00pm
Conference Room, SRA office

Directors Present: Tom Henderson, Chairman
David Rubin, Vice-Chairman
Kelli O'Brien-McKinnon
Kevin Donovan
Chris Primiano
Robert Rizzi
Brittany Besler

Not Present: Pat O'Leary, Clerk

Also Present: Jim Young, Land Use Administrator
Eric Hart, Treasurer
Bob Galvin, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

**VOTED: Motion of Kelli O'Brien-McKinnon, seconded by Tom Henderson, to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes
Unanimous 7-0 vote**

Contracts

2019 Eastern Box Turtle Long-Term Monitoring:

Jim Young explained that MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) required the evaluation of the impact to rare species habitat by the Southfield/Union Point development project. He said 2019 is the 7th year of this 20-year, long-term monitoring program for the Eastern Box Turtle. This year's monitoring will be looking at a wildlife barrier inspection, year-end report, and the preparation of a detailed vegetation management plan that would be implemented next year. Mr. Young said he recently met with National Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) to confirm that the 2019 contract scope of work met their expectations.

Mr. Primiano asked what happens to the reports.

Mr. Young said the reports are kept at the SRA office.

VOTED: Motion of Tom Henderson, seconded by David Rubin, to approve the 2019 Eastern Box Turtle Long-Term Monitoring Contract, as presented, and hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute the contract.

Unanimous 7-0 vote

2019 Parkway Landscaping:

Mr. Young said the contract with Schumacher Landscaping has been recommended by the Dartmouth Group, the agent for the Southfield Landowners Association (SLA). The SLA is proposing a reduced mowing schedule so the cost is being reduced to approximately \$53,000 (from last year's amount of approximately \$77,000).

Chairman Henderson asked Atty. Galvin what his recommendations were for this contract.

Atty. Galvin recommended approval for just the first 30 days of the contract in order to further discussion with the SLA over past due bills from last season.

Mr. Rubin said 60 days would be a better time frame.

VOTED: Motion of Tom Henderson, seconded by David Rubin, to approve the 2019 Parkway Landscaping Contract, as presented, and hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute the contract for an initial term of 60 days.

6-0-1 vote, with Brittany Besler abstaining

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Eric Hart provided an update on his recent activities.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the meeting: none

Public Comments on topics discussed at this meeting:

Steve LeMott, 16 Thistle Lane, suggested "leaning" on NHESP to get them to publish some of the endangered species report findings.

Michael Smart, Weymouth Town Council, President, said he believes the management of the Eastern Box Turtle is important and thanked SRA for their participation in the monitoring study.

Heidi Anderson asked if areas of endangered species could be noted to educate people. Mr. Young said that is dependent on the policies of NHESP.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2019

Executive Session

Chairman Henderson said the Board would go into Executive Session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Treasurer) and will not reconvene in Open Session.

VOTED: Motion of Chris Primiano, seconded by Tom Henderson, to go into Executive Session and not to reconvene in Open Session.

Unanimous 7-0 roll call vote



Patricia Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary



Tom Henderson, Chairman

Documents reviewed during the meeting:

EBT LTM Contract Proposed Agreement

Parkway 2019 Landscaping Contract:

- Dartmouth Group letter dated April 22, 2019
- Proposed Agreement