

Weirs TIF District Advisory Board

Meeting of May 7, 2019

In attendance were Chairman Robert Ames, members Russ Poirier, Ryan Cardella, and Joe Driscoll. Absent was member Ava Doyle. With the departure of Kevin Dunleavy, we were without City staff representation.

Chairman Robert Ames called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 12/11/18. All agreed that the minutes are accurate, and voted to approve unanimously.

The meeting began with a review and discussion of the Weirs TIF District wish list. All agreed with the list, and its prioritization of the much-needed improvements.

General discussion continued concerning the status of the Weirs TIF fund, where it stands now, and how it is projected to perform as we move forward. Question was raised concerning its computation, and how or whether increases in assessments impact the fund.

Discussion followed of the unique aspects of Weirs Beach and its appeal to visitors and developers, as well as the challenges standing in the way of progress. Observation was made that centralized parking for cars and docking for boats is currently at capacity. Point was made that this is greatly limiting the potential for positive growth and development. Question was raised as to how our partners in local and state government might assist. Observation was made that the State has invested much in improving Hampton Beach, and that perhaps we too could qualify for such funding. Such public investments are known to inspire private development.

Member Ryan Cardella observed that three things - the beach restoration, enhanced parking facilities for cars and docking for boats, and the construction of a public boat ramp, if accomplished, would spur unprecedented growth and development. He further suggested that should we dredge the shallows behind the docks, and use the sand to help restore the beach. If both goals can be advanced, it would be a two-for-one benefit.

Discussion continued concerning the upcoming railroad bridge project, and the necessity of on-time completion.

The Board set the next meeting date for Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 2:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.