

**ARA Minutes**  
**Attleboro Government Center**  
**77 Park Street, ATTLEBORO, MA 02703**  
**August 15, 2019 @ 9 a.m.**

**Present:** Rick Correia (Chrm), Benton Keene III, Jackie Romaniecki,

Guests: Gale Clark (Capital Projects City of Attleboro), Doug Heely (ES&M), Jack Jacobi

**Quorum Call Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Report of Chairman (in lieu of Executive Director)**

MBTA plans to close South Attleboro train station for rehab, more parking will be needed at Attleboro station. There may be an opportunity for a lease agreement with the MBTA.

**Treasurers Report**

Current balance=\$92,465.32

Escrow balance=\$175,000

**Bills and Communications**

- 1) Bills and financial update – invoices received from ES&M:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Invoice #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Task</b>
ES&M	32729	8/13/19	\$64,868.16	Commercial Landfill (MassDev)
ES&M	32728	8/13/19	\$33,325.93	Municipal Landfill (MOA)

***Motion by B. Keene, seconded by J. Romaniecki, to approve the bills payable to ES&M***

**Motion approved by vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays**

- 2) Warrant #20-2 in the amount of \$33,325.93

***Motion by B. Keene, J. Romaniecki to Approve Warrant #20-2 in the amount of \$33,325.93***

**Motion approved by vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays**

***Motion by B. Keene, J. Romaniecki to approve ES&M invoice #32729 in the amount of \$64,868.16 and submit to MassDevelopment for payment.***

**Motion approve by vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays**

- 3) Reading/Approval of Minutes

Regular session minutes from July 10, 2019 were presented for approval.

***Motion by B. Keene, seconded by J. Romaniecki, to approve regular session minutes from July 10, 2019.***

**Motion approved by vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays**

## **New Business**

A discussion was held regarding use of FTA funds. Consideration was given for traffic lights in the area of train station. This came with opposition from city officials.

***Motion by J. Romaniacki, seconded by B. Keene to propose seed money for development of TOD district-arch studies.***

**Motion approved by vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays**

On August 8, 2019 R. Correia, and C. Feerick along with officials from the MBTA and the Undersecretary's Office toured the future site of Renaissance South and ongoing remediation activities on the southern part of the district, then discussed the pending land swap and future plans for development with an emphasis on parking. The MBTA has offered to develop guidance on MBTA restrictions specific to the Attleboro station.

## **Project Reports**

Renaissance South project update-Jack Jacobi; eight amendment not needed at this time. August 14, 2019 zoning paperwork filed. Mr. Jacobi indicated that firm financing is in place for project and on schedule for a building permit and shovel in ground by mid-October.

***Motion by R. Correia, seconded by J. Romaniacki, to waive finance contingency in the 7<sup>th</sup> amendment.***

Jack Jacobi shared his vision for city buildings which involves relocating the library on ARA land at the river front. Chairman Correia disagrees with the plan and feels it not in line with the urban renewal plan.

***Motion by B. Keene, to authorize Chairman Correia to sign all necessary documents for closing and ask treasurer to be present.***

**Motion approved by vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays**

## **Unfinished Business**

Update from Doug Heely, remediation ongoing- excavation is revealing stumps, concrete, etc.

## **Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

***Motion by R. Correia, seconded by B. Keene, to adjourn as no Executive Session is needed at this time.***

**Motion approved by vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays**

**Adjourned: 9:56 a.m.**

**Next meeting: September 19, 2019 9:00 a.m.**

Prepared by Gale Clark

Approved by the ARA on \_\_\_\_\_ 2019