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## Redevelopment Board Minutes 01-07-2002

Minutes of Meeting  
January 7, 2002

Members Present: Roland Chaput  
Ed Tsoi  
John FitzMaurice  
Nora Mann  
Barry Faulkner

In addition: Alan McClennen, Jr., Secretary ex officio  
Kevin OBrien, Asst. Dir. of Planning  
Joey Glushko, Planner

The Board convened in the second floor conference room in the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to meet with the Symmes Advisory Committee. Charles Foskett, Town Counsel, John Maher, David Walkinshaw, Peter Howard, Dr. Carey, Eddy Randolph, Patricia Worden, Jackie Harrington, Allen Reedy, Jack Johnson, Joseph Tulimieri were present.

Mr. Maher outlined the proposed Cooperation Agreement between the Redevelopment Board and the Town, acting through the Board of Selectmen.

Charlie Foskett provided his presentation dated January 7, 2002, providing detailed information on financing the proposed actions at Symmes. The Board discussed with the Symmes Advisory Committee, the makings of a relationship given the fact that the Redevelopment Board will be the property owner and the Symmes Advisory Committee will be the committee charged by Town Meeting to do the comprehensive planning of the site.

9:30 p.m. Board met with the representatives of the Zoning Bylaw Committee. Mr. Freedland Abbott was present representing the committee. He reviewed the proposed warrant article for special places; the Board concluded it could not sponsor or support that article.

The proposed amendment to definition of duplexes was reviewed and was acceptable to the Board.

The Board did not agree to the proposed amendment to the height of buildings.

The proposed changes to the Business 2A District were not agreed to because Board members felt that the results would be inconsistent with the design character of Massachusetts Avenue. The Board then reviewed a series of warrant articles relating to zoning and Reed's Brook proposed by the staff and concurred that they should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen prior to the closure of the warrant.

11:00 p.m. Adoption of the Urban Renewal Plan: Messrs. McClennen and Tulimieri reviewed the Urban Renewal Plan and the planning process with members of the Board. Mr. McClennen and Mr. Tulimieri then noted for the record that after reading the definition of decadent area, they recommend that the Board adopt the plan by finding that the Symmes site was decadent given the fact that buildings were in disrepair or abandoned and there were serious maintenance problems that had been deferred in those buildings.

Resolution of Determination; moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Barry Faulkner, to adopt the resolution; unanimous vote in favor.

The Resolution of Declaration of Necessity; moved by Barry Faulkner, seconded by John FitzMaurice, to adopt the

resolution; unanimous vote in favor.

11:40 pm. Adjournment; moved by Mr. FitzMaurice, seconded by Ms. Mann, to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan McClennen, Jr.