

Town Center Committee  
1/7/16 Meeting Minutes

Committee members present were Dale and Judy Hoag, Mitch Feldmesser, Maureen Sullivan, Jay Swift, Alan Vint and Carol Waag. The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

The minutes of the 11/24/15 meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with a spelling correction. All voted in favor of the motion.

The first order of business was the nomination and election of officers. Mr. Feldmesser made a motion to nominate Jay Swift to continue as Chair of the committee. Mr. Hoag seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Swift made a motion to reappoint Maureen Sullivan as Secretary. Mr. Vint seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Vint announced that the former general store building had been condemned and that he would continue to deal with the site professionals concerning the building and property. He also announced that Lucas Rogers, DEP counsel, has stated that the DEP will release the liens on the properties if the Town takes possession of them and rehabilitates them.

Letters from Attorney Ron Berenson and the DEP were presented to the committee.

Mr. Feldmesser offered some creative ideas for the continuation of fundraising.

A discussion of holding various types of informational meetings to involve the community vs. waiting until the completion of the actual transfer of the property to the town ensued.

Assigned homework:

Contact Housing and Community Development Downtown Initiative program

director re: site visit to Middlefield – Maureen

Investigate Economic Development Fund – Jay

Contact USDA Rural Development office (Amherst) – Carol

Contact Mass Development's Real Estate Municipal Services Team – Judy Hoag

Investigate Historic avenues – Dale

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was made, and seconded and voted for at 7:42.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Sullivan, Secretary