

**Minutes of the  
Gilbert and Bennett Wire Mill Advisory Committee  
Special Meeting  
Planning and Grant Working Groups  
Monday January 29, 2024  
Via Zoom**

**Committee Members Present:** Amy Atamian, Chairperson; Rob Dean; Tracy Kulikowski, Steve Gagnon.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Atamian called the meeting to order at 7:13.

**1. Review the scope for a DECD Brownfield Area Revitalization (BAR) Grant**

The working groups discussed the types of activities that would be needed to proceed with planning for the Wire Mill site and surrounding Georgetown area and the series of tasks to present in BAR Grant application. The budget for the BAR grant is \$200,000 plus a 10% Town match. Subjects included cataloging potential uses for the area, evaluating feasibility of uses, developing a vision/graphical presentation of possible use scenarios, technical planning (including potential zoning revisions) and public engagement throughout, including small stakeholder meetings, placemaking events, and broader presentations.

**2. Review the scope for a State Historic Preservation (SHPO) Survey and Planning Grant**

The working groups discussed the activities possible under the \$40,000 available under this grant with Town matching funds. These included a more in-depth assessment of the condition and viability of all the buildings on the site, developing a program to prioritize building stabilization and an estimate of stabilization construction costs. The group felt available funding would not be sufficient to support the development of design drawings and specifications.

**Action items:** Amy will update the two grants based on direction developed during this meeting and distribute them to members of the Planning and Grant Working Groups to review and comment upon. Amy will incorporate all comments prior to the February 8 Advisory meeting.

No Motions were made at this meeting.

**Adjournment at 8:53.**

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Submitted by,  
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