

Ruddertowne Building Update

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- Consummated our contract with Remington Vernick and Beach. Our team leader David Naples has reviewed the MAR, our Old Zoning Code, and the Recorded Plot Plan. We had our first in depth meeting yesterday and went over the project in depth, Commissioner Howell attended the meeting. I believe David has the right qualifications and will begin to bring his expertise to become a very useful member of the management team.
- The Town has set up a link on our website to let the community know many of the things that are going on pertaining to the Ruddertowne project. There are currently seventeen entries on this link, all set up since our last meeting. This is designed to provide more information and transparency. I am trying to create a calendar, provide additional materials and work to reorganize the layout.
- We have established an internal checklist as a “roadmap” to work through any and all open issues pertaining to the project. This is so I, as well as the commissioners and our attorney can have a fluid up to date document to track the issues. The document is currently deemed as an Attorney Privileged document. We are planning on releasing the document in part or whole in the next few days.
- We have worked with the parties and we are pleased to announce that DNREC with DBEs cooperation are having Public Hearing on Friday Feb 8th at 6pm to review and get feedback on their DNREC application. The meeting will be held on sight. Prior to the meeting at 4pm, DBE will be hosting an open house where they will be bring in some of their business partners who will be happy to walk the project during what we hope to be the daylight hours.

- DBE's DNREC application, DBE has agreed to amend their application so it is in strict compliance with the MAR, they plan on doing this in the early part of next week. The Bay walk will be amended to either 12 or 16 feet, it is unlikely the gazebo will be in the application as it does not need to be as it is scheduled to be on land per the MAR. The Marina will be omitted. The beach renurishment may well stay in the revised application. The Town must in *good faith* support the Bay walk however DBE recognizes that the renurishment is not part of the MAR and therefore the Town has the right to weigh in or not on this matter.
- I will be asking DBE and the Mayor to encourage representatives from DBE to provide updates at our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings

I am working with the parties to make sure that all parties live up to their obligations per the MAR and to make sure the project is built in such a way that protects the Town's interest.

More to follow

Marc Appelbaum, Acting Town manager