Present: Frank DeToma, Redevelopment Authority Member; Tony Judge, Redevelopment Authority Member; Imad Zubi, Redevelopment Authority Member; Diane LaRoach, Redevelopment Authority Member; Win Lavallee; Redevelopment Authority Member; Anne Capra, Conservation Administrator/Planner

1. **Discuss and Consider Feedback from Public Hearing**
   All were generally pleased with the Public Hearing held at the Selectboard meeting on September 17th. RA members reviewed some of the comments from audience members and discussed addressing those comments in future outreach engagements.

2. **Discuss and Consider Public Outreach and Local Approvals for Urban Redevelopment and Renewal Plan – Next Steps and Timeframe**
   In preparation for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on November 20th, the RA members identified upcoming public events and meetings that they would be able to give a brief presentation about the plan and answer questions. Events are scheduled as follows:
   - October 17th – Chamber of Commerce, After 5 Event @ TD Bank, 5pm – Imad and Diane
   - November 2nd – Falls Neighborhood Association @ Public Library - Diane
   - November 7th – Known Your Town @ High School Library, 7pm – Frank
   - November 14th – Senior Center @ 11:30am – Frank and Diane
   - TBD – Loomis Village – Win
   - November 20th – Special Town Meeting, 10-minute presentation – Anne

   Anne will send everyone the 9 slide Powerpoint presentation she gave at the Selectboard Public Hearing.

3. **Discuss and Consider Declaration of Necessity for Urban Redevelopment and Renewal Plan**
   A Declaration of Necessity is a requirement for adopting an Urban Renewal Plan. Win expressed concern that the language in the declaration describing the Falls as “blighted and decadent” was pejorative and suggested we use less derogatory language. Anne noted that the MGL Chapter 121B which governs urban renewal requires that the area proposed for urban renewal actually meet certain criteria to be identified as such. Without finding the area “Blighted and decadent”, it would not qualify for urban renewal.

   **Motion:** Moved by Tony Judge, seconded by Imad Zubi, to accept the Declaration of Necessity for the South Hadley Falls Urban Redevelopment and Renewal Plan, dated July 18, 2019,
endorsed by the Planning Board, and approved for submission to Town Meeting by the Selectboard. Five out Five members voted in favor of the motion.

4. **Discuss and Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/5/19 Advisory Committee and 9/10/19**
   
   Motion: Moved by Tony Judge, seconded by Frank DeToma, to approve the minutes from 9/5/19 and 9/10/19. Five out of five members voted in favor of the motion.

   Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 5th at 2:00pm.

   Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.