

MINUTES  
SOUTHBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING DATE: May 27, 2021 @ 6:30 PM Remote

**Meeting came to order at:**

- 1) Roll Call: Rick Clemence, Arthur Martin, Andrew Murch  
Excused: Holly Christo: three yes  
Others Present: Peg Dean CDBG Grant Coordinator, Jeff Fasser, BSC Group, Heather Hamilton: BSC Group, Olivia Knightly, Intern, Michael Marketti, Town Councilor
- 2) **Brief Overview of Urban Agenda and Local Rapid Recovery (LRRP)Goals:** Chairman Andrew gave a quick review of the program and then turned the meeting over to Jeff Fasser and Heather Hamilton for the remaining Agenda items.
- 3) Jeff Fasser from BSC Group gave a presentation on the action items which the SRDA had been working on over the past two months under the grant. He presented the new boundaries being considered by the SRDA and discussed the work need to change the plan to include them. Funding sources were outlined including Grants, District Improvement Financing as well as Bonds, Loans and Local Financing. There also is the possibility of Partnering with the state and/or Federal government.
- 4) Heather Hamilton from BSC Group presented the findings of the survey which is part of the Grant. Only a few businesses took place in the survey but interest in the Town going forward was great and they would like to see more help form the Town.
- 5) Questions: There were a number of questions from the members and public concerning how to move forward with a plan. While people would like to see large businesses come to town it was determined that small businesses are needed to grow the central core of Southbridge
- 6) Adjourn: A motion and 2<sup>nd</sup>, took place, roll call vote was 3 yes.

Submitted by Rick Clemence, Secretary