

blighted properties when they are demolished. It may be beneficial to invite someone from Marion to discuss their approach.

(The group discussed and no changes to the by-laws were requested at this time.)

Real Estate Acquisition – Teen Venture

Joseph Vance: Has the town taken any action on this?

Mike Thomas: They are exploring a different route but will still be addressing the matter.

(The group discussed, and no further changes or actions were requested at this time.)

FOIA Training:

Mike Thomas: FOIA training is scheduled for March 13 at 2:00 PM.

Economic Development Updates:

Kiesha Cole: We are working on the Community Development Block Grant, which will help fund façade improvements, including work from Kidd’s Garage to Henry’s Garage. We plan to request \$1 million in funding. Additionally, we are finalizing event details and seeking council approval.

Additional Discussion:

Updates were provided on the Helene bill and potential funding for flood recovery. There was also a request to compile a list of delinquent properties, which Kiesha Cole will provide to Craig Earls when available.

Mike Thomas: I will be out of town for the next meeting.

Joseph Vance made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cody Harman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: April 7th, at 6 p.m.