

Brownfields Steering Committee

March 9, 2011

Meeting Notes

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present:

Terry Cummings, Town of Oxford
Jeff Schaaf, Town of Hardwick
Bruce Nickelson

Kristen Garza, City of Worcester
Adam Burney, Town of Hardwick

Others Present:

David Foss, Fuss & O'Neil
Megan DiPrete, CMRPC

Ryan Lundergan, CMRPC

A meeting of the CMRPC Brownfields Steering Committee was held on March 9, 2011 at the CMRPC offices. The meeting started at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Foss of Fuss & O'Neill presented an update on the currently nominated sites. Adam Burney made a motion, seconded by Jeff Schaaf, to support the application, develop a package and forward it to the EPA for eligibility determination, and proceed if approved, for the property at 179 Main Street, Hardwick, MA – Gilbert Building. The motion carried unanimously.

A nomination was submitted by the Town of Brookfield for property at 3, 5 and 7 Prouty Street. However, we are awaiting additional information from the Town prior to bringing it to the Committee for consideration.

Mr. Foss reviewed the recognized environmental conditions for each of the completed Phase I ESA's; Northbridge Auto Wrecking, Millville- Former United Rubber, North Brookfield – 209 North Main St., Worcester – 44-50 Portland Street.

Mr. Foss provided an overview of the QAPP Addendums to be prepared for any Phase II ESA submitted to the EPA. Two are under development; for the Finney Property in Brookfield, and for the Town House property in North Brookfield. It is possible that preliminary data may be available in time for the next BF Steering Committee meeting.

The group discussed outreach activities and a model Press Release was distributed to the Steering Committee. Press releases are being prepared for each of the completed Phase I

projects with the hope of generating additional recognition of the program, and perhaps additional site nominations.

The EPA is transitioning project managers from Jerry Minor-Gordon to Tom Barrasso. Ms. DiPrete indicated the transition is expected to be seamless.

There was extensive discussion regarding the potential for another EPA Brownfields grant application to be developed this summer/fall, and discussion of the overall status of the current program and budget.

The next Brownfields Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2011.