

Brownfields Steering Committee

July 13, 2011

Meeting Notes

A meeting of the CMRPC Brownfields Steering Committee was held on July 13, 2011 at the CMRPC offices. The meeting started at 5:00 PM.

Present: Kristen Garza (Worcester) Jeff Schaaf (Hardwick)
Terry Cummings (Oxford) Roberta Brien (WBDC)
Bruce Nickelsen (Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce)

Staff members present: Megan DiPrete, Ryan Lundergan

Also present: Fuss & O'Neill – David Foss

Program Overview:

Ryan Lundergan provided a review of the CMRPC Brownfields program to date. Upon the awarding of the EPA Brownfields grant, CMRPC anticipated completing up to 20 Phase I ESA's and up to 4-6 Phase II ESA's. Currently the program has 14 Phase I ESA's, of which 12 are completed or in process, and 2 are currently seeking eligibility approval from the Brownfields Steering Committee. Based on staff conversations with our communities, additional Phase I's are anticipated, and two Phase II ESA's are in progress.

CMRPC anticipates preparation of an application for an additional EPA Assessment Grant during the fall 2011 deadline.

Review of Work in Progress:

- a. Mr. Foss reviewed the two **new nominations** pending before the Steering Committee.
 - Southbridge: 236 Mechanic Street – After review and discussion, motion by Jeff Schaaf to submit a request for determination of eligibility to EPA and pursue a Phase I ESA for the site. Seconded by Ms. Garza, the motion carried unanimously.
 - Uxbridge: 35 South Main Street – After discussion, motion by Mr. Schaaf to submit a request for determination of eligibility to EPA and pursue a Phase I ESA for the site. Seconded by Ms. Brien, the motion carried unanimously
- b. Mr. Foss reviewed the Phase I ESA's in process.
 - Barre – 116 Main Street is being completed and will be available soon.

- Brookfield – Prouty Street parcels are pending site access.
 - Brookfield – 6 Central Street is currently underway and is expected to be completed soon.
- c. Mr. Foss reviewed the Phase II ESA's in process.
- Brookfield: 15 Post Road - The QAPP was recently approved and sampling is being conducted on site.
 - North Brookfield: 185 North Main Street – The QAPP was recently approved and sampling is being conducted on site.
- d. Mr. Foss reviewed meetings, community outreach, and press releases since last meeting.
- Hardwick Board of Selectmen – June 13, 2011 David Foss, Megan DiPrete, and Ryan Lundergan visited to present the Phase I ESA to the Town. No further investigation has been sought by the town.
 - Millville Board of Selectmen: June 20, 2011 – John Chambers and Megan DiPrete presented the Phase I ESA to the Board of Selectmen, who will be using the document in their downtown visioning process. No further investigation has been sought by the Town.

Schedule

The Steering Committee agreed to meet in September and November. Next meetings are anticipated to be held at 5 pm on September 14 and November 9.

Additional Information

The Steering Committee suggested utilizing the “Our Town” section of local newspapers to advertise upcoming outreach meetings in the communities.

MOTION by Mr. Schaaf to adjourn at 6:15. Seconded by Ms. Garza the motion carried unanimously.