

Waterbury Long Term Community Recovery
Steering Committee

August 15, 2012

Present: R. Ellis, M.K. Monley, S. Lotspeich, J. Kirby, M. Luce, M. Callan, N. Howell-Sherman, W. Shepeluk, and C. Lawrence.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

MINUTES

M. Luce made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12th and July 19th meetings. The motion was seconded by M. K. Monley and passed unanimously.

VISTA Member

The VISTA member will start Thursday September 6th. S. Lotspeich updated the group on activities that she will be involved in, including the shelter workshop and RW leadership meeting. She will also visit RBW to see what projects they are currently working on and see what possibilities there are for her involvement. R. Ellis suggested that the VISTA member contact all project champions to talk with them about their projects.

CDBG

R. Ellis distributed a LTCR funding summary and Draft Statement of Intent (attached to these minutes). The projects are grouped into 9 categories, and she reviewed each grouping. Megan Rivera is working on an EDA grant application for several of the flood resiliency projects. Some of these projects may be eligible for CDBG funding as well. Discussion continued on the LTCR project funding.

The Municipality and Steering Committee have to determine how much support they can provide to the various projects. M. Rivera may have more time in the fall for grant writing, in which case the Town and/or Village may have to expend more money.

R. Ellis mentioned that there will be a training session in Waterbury mid to late September for grant writing. There is also a training session on Monday August 20th from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the National Life Building.

RFP for LTCR Director and Economic Development Director

Job descriptions have been drafted and can be used to put together an advertisement. R. Ellis suggested using an RFP process versus a job advertisement, or a combination of the two. A variety of newspapers will be used to distribute the advertisement and RFP, in addition to other media.

REBUILD WATERBURY

M. K. mentioned that in the report "Lessons Learned From Six Weeks of Research on the Response to Irene in Waterbury", there was very little mention of the food service, which was very important to the flood recovery process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tripp Muldrow roundtable with LTCR Champions on Thursday, September 6th at 4:00pm at St. Leo's Hall.
- Red Cross Shelter Initiative kick off meeting and training session.

- The next Art in the Alley event is Wednesday August 29th.
- After Irene Floodgates Exhibit on Elm Street.

The Committee needs to recommend to the Tri-Board who the members of the public should be on the committee. They will recommend Monica Callan as she has been heavily involved. RW will share a spot with Jeanne Kirby, MK Monley and Mark Frier. The third member suggested is Becca Washburn. Tom Stevens is also interested and will be encouraged to attend. The membership can be expanded if necessary.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is Wednesday August 29th at 4:00pm. The LTCR Champions meeting is next Thursday (August 23rd) at 5:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk