

Waterbury Long Term Community Recovery
Steering Committee
September 5, 2012

Present: R. Ellis, N. Howell-Sherman, S. Lotspeich, W. Shepeluk, and C. Lawrence.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

MINUTES

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15th and August 29th meetings. The motion was seconded by R. Ellis and passed unanimously.

CDBG

R. Ellis, N. Howell-Sherman, M. Rivera met with Josh Hanford and Carl Bohlen on September 4th. R. Ellis reviewed the revised list of projects. Site control is necessary for the municipal complex project and CDBG money may be able to be used for a planning study for 51 South Main Street. The Committee will ask M. Rivera to start drafting a CDBG grant application for the municipal complex.

It was suggested to group projects 2 through 4 together (municipal staffing, flood resiliency, and economic recovery projects) and create a local economic development corporation. The flood resiliency projects were discussed. M. Rivera will be asked to work on project 2 through 4, and S. Lotspeich will work on project 1. Flood resiliency (project 3) will be two separate projects: flood study and flood proofing the WWTP. It was suggested that project 5 (arts center) be attached to a flood damaged building and an economic business plan can be presented. The champions for project 6 (recreation) will be encouraged to apply under a municipal planning grant.

CVEDC is reaching out to businesses with a 2 page prescreening questionnaire and coordinating with SBDC to determine the unmet needs of businesses.

Project Champions for projects 5 through 8 will be encouraged to apply for CDBG grants.

FLOOD RESILIENCY PROJECTS

A commitment is needed from BGS and CVRPC for phase 1 of the flood study to move forward.

COMMUNITY ENERGY

R. Ellis distributed a memo dated August 23rd from Luke Shullenberger on the near term and mid-term planning initiative for the community energy project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on September 12, 2012