

Waterbury Long Term Community Recovery
Steering Committee
September 12, 2012

Present: R. Ellis, N. Howell-Sherman, R. Washburn, M. Rivera, M.K. Monley, E. Loomis, M. Callan, S. Lotspeich, and C. Lawrence.

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

MINUTES

R. Washburn made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5th meeting. The motion was seconded by M. Rivera and passed unanimously.

S. Lotspeich was asked to draft a one page summary for the municipal complex CDBG grant. R. Ellis suggested that the committee recommend a funding strategy to the Boards for an Economic Development Director. R. Ellis distributed a document called "Economic Recovery Initiative: Establishing a Local Development Corporation in Waterbury, VT".

Eva Loomis, Americorps VISTA volunteer, was introduced. Her duties will include collecting monthly updates from project champions, working on public relations and notices for the Main Street reconstruction project, and she will be kept in the loop on the CDBG grant application.

CDBG GRANT

M. Rivera is working on the portions of the grant application that will be generic for all projects.

R. Ellis gave an update on the projects.

FLOOD STUDY PHASE I

A contingent met with BGS Commissioner Obuchowski to talk about the study. The committee is looking for a firm commitment from BGS to the town for \$15,000. E. Loomis will touch base with W. Shepeluk with regard to drafting a letter. Other sources of funding might include Green Mountain Power (owner of the substation by the Winooski bridge and Bolton Dam) and CVRPC.

EDA

There is no update on the LTCR Director grant application or emergency generators.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Funding for the Economic Development Director was discussed. The project may need to present as a Local Development Corporation which would work with RW and the municipality, and work to bring in grants, economic development and strategic planning. The local match will be at least \$50,000 and could be a combination of Village UDAG funds and other Town funds. M.K. Monley made a motion to approve in concept the RFQ and funding mechanism for the Economic Development Director. The motion was seconded by M. Rivera and passed unanimously.

There is an All Champions meeting next Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 5:30pm. There will be no LTCR Steering Committee meeting on Wednesday September 19th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on September 26, 2012