

**Waterbury Long Term Community Recovery (LTCR) All-Champions  
Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 5:30 PM  
Minutes**

Present: Natalie Howell Sherman, Dan Currier, Luke Shullenberger, Alison Friedkin, Mike Bard, Alec Tuscany, Steve Lotspeich, Monica Callan

Natalie Howell-Sherman opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

The November monthly updates document was available to attendees. The following project updates were given and discussed:

**Village Flood Study:**

Dan C. gave an update on his project to obtain funding for the Phase II Flood Study. He will be applying for a \$100,000 CDBG-DR planning grant to help fund the project. Moretown will give a letter of support but will not be able to contribute funding due to possible lower tipping fees anticipated and lost revenue to the Town from the Moretown Landfill. Dan is working on a letter of support and possibly \$2,500 in local funding from the Town of Duxbury. Dan is exploring other sources of funding from state agencies such as VTrans and ANR.

**Municipal Civic Complex:**

The Town received a grant of \$100,000 in CDBG-DR funds. Black River Design has been selected to do the planning and design. The 8-step floodplain process will also be carried out by the consultant.

**Business Resource Center:**

The Steering Committee has interviewed two candidates for the position to establish the Local Development Corp. The Steering Committee will be asking the town Select Board to provide funding to add to the committed UDAG funds to fully fund this position and hire the selected the candidate.

**Economic Disaster Recovery Director:**

The complimentary project to hire the Economic Disaster Recovery Director is underway with funding from the EDA grant. The Steering Committee has recommended hiring one of the consultants they interviewed.

**Affordable Housing Project:**

Alison F. gave an update on CVCLT's affordable housing project using the Ladd Hall site. An application has been submitted to VHCB for part of the funding. The CDBG-DR application is being prepared for submittal in early January. Once the commitment for a portion of the funding has been secured, the project architect will be re-engaged to take the plans to the next stage. Low Income Housing Tax Credits will be applied for early in 2013. The tax credits comprise a large portion of the funding. The loan of our local CDBG and UDAG revolving funds will be discussed at the Select Board/Trustees meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**Waterbury Community Energy:**

Luke Shullenberger gave an update on the District Energy Project. The state has advertised an RFP for developing an energy plant for the State Office Complex and other associated projects such as the Waterbury Municipal Complex and CVCLT's Ladd Hall project. This would be a private facility so the State would not have to fund it and have the project affect the state's funding for the re-development of the State Office Complex. The state anticipates having the energy plant on-line in 2015. The Ladd Hall and Municipal Civic Complex can be designed to have heating systems that could take advantage of the District Energy Plant when it comes on-line. The budget for the entire project, including the distribution system, is approximately \$15 million.

**Emergency Power Program:**

Alec gave an update on the various emergency generator projects. At the Annual meeting of the Village in 2012, the voters approved funding for the generator for the well field for the Village water system located on Sweet Rd. That project can be accomplished in 2013 even if another funding source is not obtained. Mike B. indicated that USDA may be able to provide loaned funds for a generator for a public facility such as the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Parks and Recreation:**

Alec T. said that the additional improvements for floodproofing at Dascomb Rowe Fields will wait until the results of the Phase I Flood Study (Choke Study) are obtained.

**Waterbury Arts Center:**

Monica C. said that she submitted the CDBG-DR Planning Grant application for consideration at the December Community Development Board meeting. The study, if funded, will be focus on feasibility of setting up the Arts Center. The following sites will be considered: 3 Elm St. (former Fisher Auto Parts) owned by Jeff and Maryanne Larkin, the Methodist Church on S. Main St., and the Laundry Building at the State Office Complex. The state Div. of Historic Preservation would like to save the Laundry Building and have it moved to a different site for re-use. Part of the study will examine possible sites where the Laundry Building could be moved and re-constructed. The building would make a wonderful theater.

**Community Marketing/Branding Project:**

Tripp Muldrow will be returning in January to take this project to the next level. Revitalizing Waterbury will be seeking funding from the state-wide direct CDBG-DR grant for the downtowns, to expand the marketing portion of the project. RW has also applied to the Rockefeller Foundation for a grant for the project and is waiting for a decision that should come soon.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Approved by Steery Committee*  
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