

**Waterbury Long Term Community Recovery
Steering Committee
December 12, 2012**

Present: N. Howell, J. Kirby, B. Farr, M. Rivera, W. Shepeluk, R. Ellis, M. Callan, E. Loomis, M. Luce, S. Lotspeich, B. Washburn.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm and began with a warm welcome to Barb Farr and introductions.

Today the Community Development Board, who makes VCDP grant award recommendations to the Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), met to make recommendations to the Secretary regarding recent CDBG-DR applications. A discussion of the results of this meeting followed.

M. Callan reported that the Across Roads Center for the Arts project application was not recommended to the Secretary for a request of \$60,000. M. Callan reported that the Community Development Board thought \$60,000 was a large request and they would like to see hard cash committed to this project. M. Callan plans on re-applying for a lesser amount, and with the assistance of B. Farr, will demonstrate that this project is capable of managing the federal aspects of this project.

S. Lotspeich reports that the Board made a recommendation to the Secretary to award the Little River-Village Connector Trail LTRC project the requested \$30,000. The Board's main stipulation is that we inquire with the Vermont Agency of Transportation to find out if the project is eligible for the Transportation Alternatives program. S. Lotspeich and E. Loomis attended this training today and will continue to pursue this option.

The Community Development Board also recommended that the Secretary award the requested \$115,000 for the project to flood-proof the Main Wastewater Pump Station under the condition that Waterbury provides a maintenance plan (and budget) for the facility.

The Community Development Board also recommended that the Secretary grant The Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) and the Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) \$1 million.

W. Shepeluk reports that Milone & MacBroom are moving forward on Phase I of the Flood Study and that Dan Currier is preparing to finance Phase II of the study.

Chittenden County will be doing aerial photos in the spring or fall of 2013. If Waterbury contributes \$30,000 to \$35,000, the whole town of Waterbury could be flown. This may be a good opportunity for Waterbury because it would cost much more to fly the town if Waterbury funded it separately. These maps would be great asset for flood study and base mapping for water and sewer studies.

Dan would develop 1 foot river contours for the river corridor alone as part of the Flood Study if Waterbury doesn't participate. (This would cover much of the village, but not the entire town). Waterbury will quickly talk about how to come up with this money as Dan Currier needs to know next week.

In terms of the Municipal Civic Complex project, the Black River Design contact has been signed. In early January, BRD will meet with municipal staff, library folks, and Police. B. Shepeluk or Alec Tuscany will attend all of these meetings. A public meeting will follow. There is no update on the property sale front other than the State is waiting for Waterbury to put in a price offer.

R. Ellis mentioned that a group met with Ray Doherty at FEMA few weeks ago regarding the 4th round of HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) funds. Dr. Richard Downer is now pushing to use these funds for smaller assistance packages to homeowners. B. Farr will look into if the HMGP funds could be used for the Flood Study and Stanley Hall.

B. Farr to start the first week of January, after the contract is drafted and signed.

The Emergency Generator was funded. Money for other generators is not being actively pursued at this time. M. Rivera reports that the second EDA grant was pursued but because the job retention and creation benefit was not strong enough this option was taken off the table. HMGP funds were also explored, but we were turned down.

W. Shepeluk is working on a contract for the Economic Development Office with Darren Winham. Revitalizing Waterbury has invited Darren Winham to the Economic Development meeting in January.

January 24, 2013 is the date of Tripp Muldrow's "reveal" of branding work for feedback. The Vermont Downtown program has an RFP out for a consulting team for economic recovery. Waterbury will receive services, not money, from this partnership. Muldrow's firm has submitted a response to the RFP.

At 5:22pm, M. Luce made a motion to approve the LTCR Steering Committee meeting minutes from December 5. This motion was seconded by N. Howell and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Loomis, VISTA

Upcoming meetings:

January 7, 2013 at 4:30pm at the Fire Station

Approved on: January 14, 2013