

# **Waterbury Long Term Community Recovery Steering Committee**

**April 1, 2013**

## **Minutes**

Present: M. Monley, N. Howell, M. Rivera, H. Grenier, R. Ellis, W. Shepeluk, E. Loomis, B. Washburn, M. Luce, B. Farr, S. Lotspeich, C. Lawrence, D. Winham

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

At 6:33pm, M. Monley made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/18/13. This motion was seconded by N. Howell and passed unanimously.

A brief summary of survey results was presented, followed by a discussion regarding how to encourage supporters of the Municipal Civic Complex Project. A "Friends of" organization is one option. M. Monley will look into how to organize this, and how to handle financial aspect of it as well.

\$18 million have been added to CDBG-DR funds. It is uncertain whether Waterbury will be eligible.

Tripp Muldrow and other consultants are scheduled to work with Waterbury and several other downtowns in Vermont. Starting in May, this Steering Committee may begin to play a more active role in his involvement in Waterbury. The Steering Committee may transition into a meeting place for Select Board, Trustees, Library Commissioners, Municipal staff, and others involved in this project.

Steering Committee members did not choose to make recommendations to present to the Tri-Board regarding the Municipal Civic Complex. This included a discussion on B. Farr's "Draft Budget Options for New Waterbury Municipal Complex." Currently, Stanley and Wasson are ineligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds. Library Commissioners to provide S. Lotspeich with a dollar amount for their Capital Campaign to be included in the Municipal Civic Complex Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) implementation grant application.

Darren Winham reported that Waterbury has been awarded services through the Digital Vermont program. (East Montpelier was the only other recipient). He met with met today with the manager and clerk, who will be in contact with the Library as there is still funding available. Funds secured will possibly go towards municipal website upgrades and the creation of Wi-Fi zones or hotspots. The possibility of having an 800 yard Wi-Fi zone is a possibility. Digital Vermont will also be providing training for web presence, social media, etc. thru the Vermont Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by R. Ellis at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Loomis, VISTA

Approved on: 4/15/13

Upcoming meetings:

- LTCR All-Champions meeting 4/15 at 5:30. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Steele's Block