

Long Term Community Recovery (LTCR) Meeting  
Monday, 6/3/2013 - 5:30 pm  
Minutes

Present: M. Rivera, M. Luce, N. Howell, M. Monley, S. Lotspeich, B. Farr, R. Ellis, E. Loomis

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by R. Ellis and began with a motion from M. Luce to approve the minutes from 5/20/13. This motion was seconded by M. Monley and passed unanimously.

An update was given on the Citizens of Waterbury PAC meeting which was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was nearly half Municipal Building project supporters and project critics. The main message from the group was that the Tri-Board has not been transparent in its processes; dishonest about sharing information; and that taxes will be increasing. The group, led by Frank Balco, also talked about which municipal projects and town-wide issues they've opposed in the past. Margaret Luce did stress to the group that the Municipal Building is a flood recovery project rather than a Tri-Board process or decision. Other vocal supporters at the PAC meeting included Kristen Fountain and Chris Viens.

The Question-and-Answer (FAQs) document is almost finished and will be posted on the municipal website Tuesday morning in PDF format. The Municipal Building advertisement will run in Thursday's paper. All FPF posts need to include a link to the Municipal Building page on the municipal website.

The FAQs handout will also include the website address. MK Monley will create a front-and-back tri-fold once Barb sends her Black River Design's images and other info. MK can have this ready for the second informational meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> and can also be available at the farmers market.

MK recently met with Kristen Fountain to talk about the Friends group. Liz Schlegel is continuing to work behind the scenes. Revitalizing Waterbury will be distributing information emphasizing that it's more than a vote about securing a bond; it's a vote about believing in Waterbury. Waterbury has been an example, even to the State, in terms of flood recovery and it's critical that we keep the flood recovery focus. Waterbury has been in a different place post-Irene and we need to move forward. MK had "Believe in Waterbury" t-shirts made and, starting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, can have t-shirts ready for distribution at the farmers market.

Friends of the Municipal Building will be meeting Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 in the TBPS art room. Bob Butler will help host a phone-a-thon which may be held on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Postcards may not be printed in time to be mailed out before the bond vote on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

On Mondays and Wednesdays leading up to the bond vote, Eva will post two postings on FPF as the voice of the Town (Monica Callan offered to also post messages if Eva isn't able to for whatever reason). One posting will be to remind people to voting early. The other posting will post the bulleted answer to one question from the FAQs document, with a link to the paragraph-form answer and additional information on the municipal website. Throughout the week, other people will post "friendly filler" messages.

For clarification, the Library Commissioners (Select Board members, etc.) can advocate for the Municipal Building project on their own time. Municipal staff can present factual information and encourage people to vote, but cannot take a vocal position about the project publically.

Revitalizing Waterbury (RW) has hired a new Executive Director. Fauna Shaw-Hurley will start the last week of June in her full-time roll as ED. She is not able to attend Tripp Muldrow and Team's meeting in Waterbury on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>, but will be at their next meeting. The meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> will include Tripp Muldrow, Stephanie Francis, Stacey Pear, Laz Scangas, and Richard Amore will attend. Steve Lotspeich, Laura Parette, and Megan Rivera will join them for a tour around the Village. Tripp also plans to meet with Darren Winham to ensure his economic development work will compliment his team's efforts.

Tripp and Team will hold a round table session with the LTCR group at 3:30pm in Steele's Block. At this meeting, we will go around the table to introduce ourselves and each describe what we would love to see happen in the next 2 or 3 years. These visions can be related to the LTCR projects or otherwise. Please think about what you would like to see happen in Waterbury for this meeting. MK will speak to the arts center on behalf of Monica, who isn't able to attend this meeting.

At this point, we don't know if the bond will be for 20 years or 30 years. All we can say is that the Legislature just recently granted (in May 2013) municipalities the ability to have 30 year bonds. We want to hear from people if they would like to take advantage of this opportunity. A 30 year bond would have a lower the monthly payment, but taxpayers would pay \$1 million more in interest. However, these payments would be spread out over more people (i.e. - the next generation). Does the public have suggestions on this? We should think of this as an opportunity, not a problem.

Barb will ask BRD to make a big image of each of the 4 designs for the informational meetings.

Lisa Scagliotti and Christine Wulff will do outreach on behalf of the Library to get out the vote and accurate info.

One way to create public awareness of this project and respective bond vote would be to hold a press release or press event with WCAX. If we decide to go with a press event, we will want to have control over the location/event. The informational meeting(s) would not be a good location for this. 51 South Main Street could be an option, but we will talk with Lisa S. about this.

The Purchase and Sale agreement between the State and Waterbury was signed at Friday morning's Select Board meeting.

MK & Sarah Lee Terrat are working with Greg Sharrow on the VT Folklife Center event. The opening for this event is June 28<sup>th</sup>, the day after the bond vote. This is moving forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by R. Ellis at 6:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Loomis, VISTA

Approved on: Monday, June 17, 2013

Upcoming Meetings & Dates			
What	When	Time	Where
VT Digital Economy meeting	Wednesday, June 5	8:30am	St. Leo's Hall (Local non-profits to join Rob Fish)
Tripp & Team's 1 <sup>st</sup> VT visit	Thursday, June 6	3:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Steele's Block
Friends of the Municipal Building	Thursday, June 6	6:15pm	TBPS, art room
Municipal Civic Complex (MCC) informational meeting	Thursday, June 6	7-8:30pm	TBPS cafeteria
Waterbury's 250 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party	Friday, June 7		
Early voting begins	Friday, June 7	8-4:30pm	Main Street Fire Station
Kid's Fest June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, June 8		Rusty Parker Park
MCC informational meeting	Thursday, June 13	7-8:30pm	TBPS cafeteria
LTCR All-Champions mtg.	Monday, June 17	5:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Steele's Block
MCC informational meeting	Thursday, June 20	7-8:30pm	TBPS cafeteria
Vote on MCC bond @ Thatcher Brook Primary School	Thursday, June 27	All day (7am-7pm)	TBPS gymnasium