



## **Brownfields Steering Committee Meeting**

### **Monday February 27, 2023 at 1:00PM**

Remote meeting via Zoom

Attendance: Elisabeth Nance, Brian Savage, Becky Stebbins, Laz Scangas, Tim Smith, Chip Sawyer  
Staff: Greta Brunswick, Dea Devlin Guests: Chris Beling

E. Nance called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

**1) Welcome and Introductions.** Everyone introduced themselves.

**2) Adjustments to the Agenda.** None

**3) Financial Report and Funding Updates**

G. Brunswick shared a few updates on upcoming application for new grants. Referring to the financial reports, there are no funding balances changed. The Commission has closed out EPA FY19 grant successfully, reference the closeout report shared by Greta. NRPC applied for new \$350,000 EPA assessment grant, this will be announced in May or June. NRPC will also be awarded another round of ACCD assessment funds as well.

Brunswick noted that there is a need to spend down balance of RPF grant. She shared that she is in conversation with town of St. Johnsbury, which is seeking funding for that site. EPA is encouraging NRPC to apply for supplemental funds in order to extend period of performance. NRPC is eligible to submit for supplemental funding regardless of currently unobligated funds. E. Nance asked if 24% of funds remaining for personnel will be sufficient. G. Brunswick added that the supplemental funding can replenish this category if approved.

G. Brunswick shared that she plans to update the NRPC website with updates on these grants and the progress that they are supporting.

**4) Assessment Program**

- **Site Updates:** At 24 Maple, G. Brunswick shared the prospective buyer pulled out of the project, and a prospective buyer needs to be at the table to complete this. G. Brunswick shared they have reached out to Champlain Housing Trust to see if they would take on the role of prospective buyer. At Young Landfill, G. Brunswick shared that the drinking water assessment will conclude the assessment work. Low levels of PFAS were found in the groundwater and it therefore needs to be monitored. At 74 Weldon, Chip shared that the consultants are putting together a corrective action plan with DEC assistance.
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- **Request for Assessment Funding:** Swanton Village request for supplemental assessment funding at 6 South River (\$8,198, proposal enclosed). \*\*Switch allocation from previously approved ECAA to supplemental assessment. Allocate program income for the ECAA. G.

Brunswick reviewed the work on active sites and referenced pages 19-20 in the meeting packet. The request is to allocate the ACCD funding to a supplemental site investigation instead of the ECA with the balance.

*Becky Stebbins moved to reallocate the previously approved ECA funding from the ACCD funding to a supplemental site investigation. Laz Scangas seconded. The motion was carried with one abstention by Elisabeth Nance.*

**5) Cleanup Program**

- Update on Swanton Village Cleanup Sub-grant for asbestos abatement at 6 South River. Work to start in March.
- Cleanup related updates/news from Committee members. C. Sawyer shared that LeClair LLC owns both properties at 20-22 Stebbins and one of the properties is intended to be renovated. T. Smith shared that a1 flooring is considering purchasing the property 127 Grand Avenue and may be interested in brownfields funding.

**6) Approve Meeting Summary from October.** Enclosed. T. Smith moved to approve the October minutes. B. Stebbins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**7) Other business.** None.

C. Sawyer moved to adjourn. T. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:56PM