

Brownfields Steering Committee Meeting

Monday July 31, 2023 at 1:00PM

Remote Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: John Leddy, Chip Sawyer, Becky Stebbins, M. Sherlund, Tim Smith, L. Scangas

Staff: Greta Brunswick, Dea Devlin

Other: Chris Beling, Liz Curry

C. Sawyer opened the meeting at 1:04.

- 1) **Welcome and introductions.** Introductions were made.
- 2) **Adjustments to the Agenda.** G. Brunswick suggested that agenda item 6 be switched with agenda item 5. This allows the committee opportunity to be informed of upcoming assessment needs ahead of taking action on requests for funding.
- 3) **Finance Update.** G. Brunswick reviewed the budgets for RLF2010, RLF2023, EPA Assessment 2023, ACCD/MARC Assessment 2022 and ACCD/MARC Assessment 2023. Brunswick shared the screen on Zoom to review the financial reports, which will be provided to the Committee following the meeting.
- 4) **Update on Existing Assessment Projects.** G. Brunswick referred the Committee to the report on the status of work on active sites that was included in the agenda packet. She touched on updates to the 6. South River site, 113 Main Street and 24 Maple.
- 5) **Upcoming Assessment Needs (Existing Sites and Potential New Sites).** G. Brunswick reviewed a list of sites that are in need of assessment funds, which was included in the agenda packet. Brunswick explained the scoring system, which is used as a tool in assessing site priority and eligibility.
- 6) **Assessment Requests (EPA)**
 - 6 South River, request for Supplemental Phase 2 Assessment and ECAA. The last round of supplemental assessment determined that the limits of lead contamination in the soil and groundwater needed to be further assessed. The request is for the supplemental sampling in addition to the preparation of an ECAA for the amount of \$18,012.
 - Former Carroll Concrete site in Swanton. The Committee's packet includes a site nomination for this former concrete batch plant recently purchased by the Village of Swanton for the Department of Public Safety. The request is for \$3,400 to cover a Phase 1 update and gap analysis, which will likely lead to a supplemental request for a phase 2 assessment.
 - 113 Main Street Evaluation of Corrective Action Alternatives. NRPC had a site visit

with DEC and the consultant and identified a path forward to develop an pre-ECAA that would outline potential solutions to restrict access at the site as the corrective action. The revised cost estimate includes the pre-ECAA and full ECAA for a total of \$5,600.

C. Sawyer suggested that the three requests could be completed in a single motion. B. Stebbins *motioned to approve the assessment requests from 6 South River, the former Carroll Concrete site, and 113 Main Street. J. Leddy seconded. Motion carried.*

- 2099 North Road site in Fletcher, nomination from property owner and request for \$16,958 in Phase 2 assessment funding. G. Brunswick reviewed the site details and reuse. It is an atypical request being that the existing use was home occupation style auto-repair and the proposed reuse is for a single dwelling unit. The impact of the redevelopment will be quite small, despite the need for housing units. G. Brunswick will review its eligibility with EPA before bringing it back to the committee.

7) Meeting Summary from April. C. Sawyer tabled this agenda item.

8) Other business. The Committee set the next meeting date for August 28, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56.