

Brownfields Steering Committee Meeting Monday October 24, 2022 at 1:00PM

Meeting held via Zoom Attendance: C. Sawyer, L. Scangas, B. Stebbins, E. Nance, B. Monaghan, J. Leddy, C. Beling, B. Savage, T. Smith, G. Brunswick, D. Devlin,

1) Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by John Leddy. Greta Brunswick introduced the meeting participants and the entities they represent.

2) Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments were offered to the agenda.

3) Financial Report

- Updated ACCD/MARC Assessment financial report (\$8,500 unobligated)
- Update on closeout of EPA Grant
- Application underway for EPA Assessment

Greta Brunswick shared that the ACCD/MARC Assessment grant is fully expended and will be closed out shortly. She also shared that she is working on applying for an additional \$300,000 EPA grant. Greta Brunswick reviewed some of the costs for next steps at Enosburgh Armory and 6 South River Street and identified the remaining ACCD grant funds available. E. Nance asked when the \$8,586.36 funding must be spent, to which Greta Brunswick answered by June 2023. Laz Scangas asked what the remaining funds can be spent on. Greta Brunswick answered it can be spent on assessment or cleanup planning only.

Greta Brunswick reviewed line items in the RLF Financial Report (found on page 3 of the agenda). She explained the current funding status, what money has already been obligated to projects and identified what remaining funds can be spent on. Greta Brunswick highlighted that the program income balance is \$127,000 as of June 2022, not March 2021 as written in the report. Greta Brunswick reviewed site specific expenditures. Greta Brunswick reviewed sites that are in the pipeline, which is listed on page 4 of the agenda.

4) MARC Assessment Program

- Updates on ongoing assessments (6 South River, Young Landfill, 24 Maple, Enosburgh Armory). List of recent and active sites
- Request for ECAA/CAP for 6 South River Street. (Cost proposal enclosed)
- Request for Feasibility Investigation and additional onsite sampling at 24 Maple Street. Up to \$12,000 for these tasks. Full Supplemental Phase 2 proposal enclosed.

Greta Brunswick provided assessment updates on 6 South River, Young Landfill, Enosburgh Armory and 24 Maple Street, expanded upon below.

6 South River: There is an identified need for soil capping. Asbestos abatement was put on hold until the Section 106 issues are better understood, but the Town is still interested in moving forward. The Section 106 review has confirmed that the building is not eligible for historic registrar, but additional archeological assessment needs to be completed to confirm the sensitivity of the property.

Young Landfill: Phase 2 report is complete. Met with property owners and adjacent ones. Next step is to apply for an ECAA – evaluation of corrective action alternatives. Some groundwater tests were showing PFAS, but it was not found in drinking water.

Enosburgh Armory: Phase 2 report complete. No further action. Good news for the town. Also, asbestos and lead abatement complete, just waiting to process the reimbursement.

24 Maple Street: City of St. Albans funded the most recent work. Working on coordinating communication and next immediate steps on site.

Greta Brunswick went through the remaining assessment needs for 6 South River and 24 Maple Street, referring to the chart on page 5 of the agenda. Becky Stebbins corrected the address for the Highgate Village Core site. Greta Brunswick identified a priority for helping 200 Bridge Street and the Highgate Village core to help them access funding when it becomes available.

Greta Brunswick recommended to the committee to use the unobligated ACCD funds per request by the town of Swanton for the 6 South River project.

L. Scangas motioned to use the ACCD/MARC unobligated funds for an ECAA at 6 South River in the amount of \$6,843 per the town's request. T. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstention (E. Nance).

Greta Brunswick briefly summarizes the \$125,000 estimated cost for the Supplemental Phase 2 project at 24 Maple Street. She explained she will prioritize working with the buyer to apply for funds from DEC to complete this assessment.

5) Cleanup Program

- Update on Swanton Village Cleanup Sub-grant
- Request for Archeological Phase 1 Assessment from Swanton Village (Cost estimate to be provided)
- Upcoming work: Corrective Action Plan update at 113 Main Street, Richford

Swanton is ready to move forward with the asbestos abatement, the grant for which was put on hold while Section 106 was further evaluated. With approval from executive committee, G. Brunswick will work on setting up a subgrant grant agreement, community relations and ABCA tasks.

Additional archeological assessment is underway with UVM consulting archeology, which will pave the way for the asbestos work and understanding the limits of using cleanup funding on the yard area.

Swanton is requesting funding for the archaeological assessment in the amount of \$11,876, which will come from RLF contractual/program income.

B. Stebbins motioned to fund the archeological assessment with RLF contractual/program income funds for \$11,876. L. Scangas seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

6) Approve Meeting Summary from July

C. Sawyer moved to accept minutes from July meeting. *L.* Scangas seconded. Motion carried with one abstention (*T.* Smith).

7) Other business

No other business was offered. Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.