

# **Brownfields Steering Committee Meeting Monday November 25, 2024 1:00 PM**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: C. Sawyer, B. Savage, M. Sherlund, B. Monaghan, R. Stebbins, C. Beling, G. Brunswick, N. Brown, D. Turin

C. Sawyer opened the meeting at 1:00pm.

**1) Welcome and Introductions:** G. Brunswick introduced Nora Brown (NRPC/AmeriCorps)

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

**3) Finance Reports on All Grants.** G. Brunswick provided updates: the 2023 grant has roughly \$200,000 left out of the \$350,000 grant; there is still assessment money left; there is a site on today's agenda to review and approve for funding. There are no changes in RLFs; awaiting disbursement; there is roughly \$50,000 left in the ACCD fund.

**4) Project Updates from Staff:**

**Ongoing Assessments:** G. Brunswick provided updates on all projects:

- 6 South River St: Phase 2 Section 106 work is underway.
- 74 Lower Welden: project is delayed; draft of CAP completed.
- 200 Bridge St: work was completed in October; awaiting report
- Highgate Village Core: underway; CAP & CRP completed; \$150,000 conservative cleanup estimate
- 113 Main St: applicant is moving forward; CAP is complete.
- 124 First St: \$11,000 approved for assessment, which is underway.
- Maquam Bay: Phase 1 unable to be done prior to purchase; question of liability for cleanup; no eligibility determination for funding; owner moved forward with another cleanup service. Will remove from list due to inactive status; not part of BRELLA so no Certificate of Compliance will be issued.
- 20-22 Stebbins: no further work needed; in process of obtaining Certificate of Compliance.
- 24 Maple St: calls received from interested buyers; no offers yet. Hoping for a buyer and funds for additional work.
- LaSalle St: delayed; not much active work on CAP; update needed.

**RLF Updates:** G. Brunswick provided updates on projects:

- Champlain Transmission: underway, first reimbursement request of roughly \$36,000 has been processed; next work on track to be done 12/9/24.
- Saint Johnsbury Armory: regular updates being received; asbestos remediation work is ongoing and may be completed; reimbursement is required before end of year.

**Future Applications:**

- 113 Main St. is ongoing; remediation has been pushed to 2025.
- Highgate Village Core: moving forward, aligning for spring cleanup; hoping for additional funding from ACCD.

**5) Assessment Requests/Site Nominations**

- South Hero Meeting House: ongoing restoration project on historic building with funding from multiple sources; lead in soil confirmed by Phase 2 Assessment; coordination with State on BRELLA; question of responsible party; should be eligible for EPA funding of \$17,150; G. Brunswick will need three estimates. *B. Monaghan motion to accept site and fund in amount of \$17,150 from EPA Assessment grant; B. Stebbins second. Motion carried.*

**6) Meeting Summary from June 2024:** *B. Monaghan & B. Stebbins abstain; M. Sherlund motion to approve; B. Savage second. Motion carried.*

**7) Other Business:** G. Brunswick is working through proposals from RFQs; notices and new service agreements to be set by end of year; Responses received from all prequalified consultants; G. Brunswick will share RFP with C. Beling.

Adjourned 1:40PM.