

CDBG Advisory Committee
May 3, 2010

Present: Mac Ray, Jackie Conant, Scotty Kilbreth, Dave Bowen, Judy Hamilton, Rob and Mitzie Turnbull, Gary Dougherty, Shane Gallant and Mary Standard (Sun Journal).

Temporary Dam - Mac reported that all logs have now been installed and water levels have reached the summer target. With anticipation of heavy rain, logs have been, and will continue to be, removed as needed to maintain the June 1st water level.

Request for Qualifications [RFQs] -Advisory Committee evaluations were submitted and Canton Select Board has hired Kleinschmidt Assoc. to complete the permitting and final engineering design work for the permanent dam at a bid of \$59,600. Mac is hoping to set up a kick off meeting for the Advisory Committee with Kevin Colley (project manager from Kleinschmidt) for sometime next week and will notify the committee of date and time by email.

AVCOG was the only RFQ received for the Grant Administrator position. After consultation with Terry Ann Stevens at CDBG, the select board has written to Amy Landry (AVCOG) and proposed ways to cut Canton's costs for grant administration. This is not the first project in Canton to receive CDBG funding. Kathy Hutchins, town clerk, is familiar with the process and along with Mac can complete many of the tasks generally assigned to the Grant Administrator. If an agreement can be reached, a significant reduction in this additional expense would be expected.

Phase I Brownfields assessment - Chuck Staples of MACTEC emailed a draft of Phase I Environmental Site Assessment today. His email and draft will be circulated for review and comment. Four potential Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) of the site were listed:

- (1) Contamination from former leather tanning operations
- (2) Coal, coal ash, and fire ash contamination
- (3) Metal and solvent contamination from machine shop operations, and
- (4) PCBs from a historic electrical transformer

"A Phase II Site Assessment is recommended to determine if soil, and/or groundwater at the Site have been impacted by contaminants." This recommendation was expected and should begin soon. Analysis of soil and water sampling could take several weeks to complete. Both Phase I and Phase II Brownfields are being completed by a grant of funds through DEP. A public meeting will be required at some point.

CDBG Phase II Hearing - 6:30 p.m. June 15th at the Canton Community Building was proposed. This will be an informational hearing to give members of all stakeholder groups the opportunity to receive an update on the various aspects of the project, ask questions and give feedback on this phase of the project. Hartford residents and summer folks will be invited and are encouraged to join Canton residents for this meeting. Stakeholder groups will be canvassed for possible conflicts before the Canton select board confirms the date. Advertising and required public notification will follow.

Dam property Clean Up Day - Mac has discussed Clean Up Day projects with Canton CEO, Jack Plumley. A wide variety of approved activities are being planned from

cutting brush to planting trees and moving rocks. Saturday, June 19th beginning at 9 a.m. is the proposed date. Volunteer labor and donation of equipment will be needed.

Elmina B. Sewall Foundation - Judy received notification to our letter of inquiry stating "the Foundation has determined that it is unable to support our project at this time." With receipt of CDBG funding and the lake associations planned capital campaign, further grant research is not critical. If the lake association wants matching funds, there are other grant possibilities, which can still be explored.

Super Dam Raffle - Judy and Polly have organized another Super Raffle to benefit the LAA Dam Fund. Six great prizes have been donated for the August 15th drawing. Tickets are now available at both town offices. Tickets and posters to advertise the raffle will soon be available for others to help us with selling tickets.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 7th at the Canton town office. If there is a pressing need to meet again before then, the Advisory Committee will be notified.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hamilton, Secretary

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