

Core Group for a Permanent Solution
December 7, 2009

Present: Mac Ray, Scotty Kilbreth, Debi Hutchins, Dave Bowen, Judy Hamilton, Gary Dougherty, Larry Giroux

CDBG Letter of Intent - Debi reported that she talked with Terry at CDBG to verify that they received Canton's letter of intent to file a CDBG application. The only question she had was how we were doing at securing the cash match. Canton received a letter from Bangor Savings Bank acknowledging Canton's intent to apply for a \$200,000 loan for the CDBG cash match. Scotty Kilbreth will raise the issue of beginning the paper work for the loan at tomorrow night's board meeting. As yet, there has been no official response from CDBG to proceed with an application. The application due date is January 22nd.

Grant research/writing. Judy handed out a copy of those organizations that she has been in touch with who might be able to help us with grants or funding ideas for the dam project. Where possible the grant applicant should be the Town of Canton and the maximum possible amount of funds should be sought. The goal is to pay back a loan for the cash match for the CDBG funds in as short a time as possible. If the CDBG funds are not available this year, other grants will be sought to raise funds for the project. The first deadline is January 1st for Bangor Savings Bank. Jackie Conant will try drafting that application. Larry Giroux has agreed to take another look at Outdoor Heritage Foundation and other grants that generally go for fish related projects. Mac will look into funding sources from the Army Corp of Engineers. Although there are other loan possibilities, we agreed to focus on locating other grants, donations and fundraising activities to repay a loan for the cash match.

Lake association fundraising - The lake association has been planning for a capital campaign. Gary Dougherty reported that there is a capital committee meeting planned for January. A capital campaign is expected to begin this spring. Judy asked if they were looking for matching funds for donations and whether the association wanted her to look for grant money for this purpose.

Public boat ramp location - Mac and Judy discussed the feasibility of the public boat ramp being on the dam property with Jim Pellerin (MDIF&W) during the Whitney Brook tour/workshop in late September. Jim and Francis Brautigam took a boat from the lake to the temporary dam and said that this site has potential and may be a good fit for MDIF&W and Canton. All possibilities are still being considered. As suggested by Pellerin, Scotty will contact IF&W on behalf of the select board. Issues of safety and cost would seem to favor the dam location over the Rt. 140 site.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 21st at the Canton Town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hamilton, Secretary