

Core Group for a Permanent Solution
January 4, 2010

Present: Mac Ray, Scotty Kilbreth, Jackie Conant, Polly Bussiere, Dave Bowen, Judy Hamilton, Gary Dougherty, Larry Giroux and Mary Standard from the Sun Journal.

CDBG APPLICATION - The December 10, 2009 letter from the Maine Dept. of Economic and Community Development [DECD] indicates that Canton "has met the requirements ... (and) ... is eligible to submit a Public Infrastructure application for the activities outlined in the Letter of Intent." Therefore, our primary agenda was to make the final plans for completion of the CDBG application.

The following assignments were made:

- Compiler of the CDBG application- Debi Hutchins
- Impact (30 points) - Polly and Jackie
- Development Strategy (30 points) - Mac
- Citizen Participation (20 points) - Judy
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A schedule was agreed upon for meeting the application deadline:

- Monday, Jan. 11th - Drafts of each section is due in Debi's hands
- Wednesday, Jan. 13th - Compile sections into one document for review and comment by Amy Landry, the Core Group, Canton Select Board, plus any other person/s from whom Debi chooses to get feedback.
- Thursday, Jan. 14th - CDBG Hearing at 6:00 P.M. at the Canton Town office
- Friday, Jan. 15th - final revisions and suggestions to Debi
- Monday, Jan. 18th - review and approval of the final application at the next Core Group meeting
- Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan. 19 & 20th - Make any last minute changes to the document, assemble the required copies and materials
- Friday, January 22 - Deliver the application BEFORE the application deadline for the Public Infrastructure Program.

Required CDBG Hearing - Notification of the January 14th Public Hearing was submitted December 30, 2009 and has appeared in three issues of the Sun Journal. A copy is kept with these minutes for the record and will be submitted as part of the CDBG application as required.

Bangor Savings Loan - Early in December, Canton submitted an application for \$200,000 loan, contingent on receipt of CDBG funds, to cover the cash match and any related expenses above the \$500,000 grant for construction of a replacement dam. The letter from DECD states "All matching funds **must** be fully committed and secure by the application deadline date and additionally, the applicant must demonstrate that the financial resources are available to complete the entire project as presented in the application." A letter from Bangor Savings Bank, approving the loan has not yet been received but is expected at any time.

Budget - The Kleinschmidt preliminary report cost estimates will be used to show the expenses. A Bangor Savings Bank loan will cover expenses over the CDBG funds received to secure the required cash match. Funds in hand from the two town appropriations, the Canton Dam Fund and the LAA Dam Fund plus any additional grants applied for will decrease the amount needed in loan and/or repay the loan.

Other Grant Applications - An application to Bangor Savings Bank Foundation for \$50,000 for permitting/final engineering, the next step in the dam project, was submitted for their Jan. 1 grant cycle. This grant, if received, would also become part of the cash match required for the CDBG funds. More research into other

applications continues and applications if appropriate to the dam project will be written.

LAA Capital Campaign - The lake association board expects to meet this month to make final plans for launching a capital campaign to raise funds for the dam project.

Boat Ramp - Scotty emailed Jim Pellerin at IF&W asking who within Maine IF&W should be approached concerning use of the dam property as a possible public boat launch. There has been no response as yet. Scotty will follow up with a call.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 18th at the Canton Town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hamilton, Secretary

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