

CDBG Advisory Committee
April 5, 2010

Present: Mac Ray, Jackie Conant, Scotty Kilbreth, Judy Hamilton, Rob Turnbull and Mitzie Turnbull, Polly Bussiere, Gene Grouleau, and Mary Standard (Sun Journal).

CDBG Phase II: Project Development Mac met with the Canton Select Board on March 25th and the CDBG documents and paperwork have been completed. These documents will be sent to Terry Ann Stevens this week. Request For Qualifications [RFQ] for a Grant Administrator and final engineering positions were also approved and advertising (with the HUD logo) placed in the paper. The five engineering firms that submitted bids for the preliminary design phase received an RFQ. Deadline for submission is April 15th.

Advisory Committee - Canton selectmen chose the following to serve on the CDBG Advisory Committee based on their participation in the dam project and to give representation from all stakeholder groups: Malcolm Ray (chair), Judy Hamilton (secretary), Canton selectmen Jackie Conant, Scotty Kilbreth, Donnie Hutchins, Dave Bowen (representing Hartford), Polly Bussiere (lake assn.) and Rob Turnbull (CWD and Mill Pond Assn.). These meetings will now change from the Core Group to the CDBG Advisory Committee.

Phase II CDBG Public Hearing -

The date for the public hearing will be set at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee on April 19th. The selectmen will have had an opportunity to review the RFQs and hire the Grant Administrator and engineering firm to produce the detailed final designs by then. The lake association group working on capital fundraising will also be consulted before scheduling this hearing.

The hearing will be scheduled well in advance (late May or early June) to allow for invitations to go to the Town of Hartford and the Lake Anasagunticook Assn. as well as Canton residents. The Brownfields assessment should be nearing completion. Grant Administrator and engineering firm will have been on board for several weeks. This would not be a town meeting but a public hearing without the need for official votes.

Municipal Brownfields Site Assessment Application - was approved on March 31st and Brian Beneski will be our DEP contact for the Phase I/Phase II. A "Brownfields" is defined by EPA as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutant or contaminants." DEP has federal funds to complete this two stage environmental assessment so there will be no additional costs for this part of the project. The two-phase process is expected to take two months (roughly mid-May) to complete. Phase I is a historical and records review of the property to determine if activities at the site potentially could have caused onsite contamination. Because of the tannery use of the property, environmental sampling of groundwater and soil can be expected in a Phase II assessment to determine if contamination actually exists.

The Brownfields assessment is being done to provide a "clean environmental health" report for the proposed public boat access location just upstream of the temporary

dam. This is required before IF&W will commit to partnering with the town to build a public boat ramp to the lake. CDBG will also use these findings in their environmental review. Both proposed sites, the boat ramp and new dam, are well upstream of the buildings where the tanning of hides took place. There is anecdotal evidence that the chemicals used in the process were dumped into the brook and not stored on site.

Chuck Staples of MACTEC has been hired by DEP to do the site investigation. He and Brian will do a "walk over" of the two properties on Wednesday, April 7th. Mac, Judy, and Janet Cummings [AVCOG] will participate and other Advisory Committee members are welcome.

Canton Dam Project is to receive the AVCOG Planning Award on April 14th at AVCOG's Annual Meeting and awards ceremony. Five members of the Advisory Committee will attend the meeting and luncheon at the Martindale Country Club to represent the dam project.

Other odds and ends:

- Mac will be meeting with MDOT to find out what, if anything can be done about the undersized culvert under Route 108. The culvert can pass less than half the possible volume of water from the brook upstream. This is not a part of the dam project but a fact-finding venture.
- Logs will be replaced in the temporary dam in a similar schedule as stated in the 1996 Water Level Management Plan. With snow melting much earlier this year, there is some concern that waiting until mid-May might make reaching the June 1 water levels more difficult. The situation will be assessed over the next couple weeks and the log installation schedule will be announced at our next meeting.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 19th at the Canton town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hamilton, Secretary