

April 25th meeting notes

We only had three folks out to our meeting last night (which we held in Judy's car since none of us had a key!) so I thought I would email out my summary to the group. Rob passed along that Herb Harding passed away. Herb was a dependable member of our group up until he became ill. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Harding family and we certainly appreciate Herb's work on our behalf.

I talked to Kevin Cooley and he provided the following up-date:

1. The NRPA Permit

- no word or comments back from DEP as yet but that is normal. Generally they just send one long list of issues at the end so this isn't unusual.
- We still expect to get word/comments back from DEP by the first week of June.
- Holly MacKenzie from Kleinschmidt was keeping tabs on the NRPA process for us but she has left Kleinschmidt so Kevin is taking care of that himself.
- We did get some unofficial comments from Tony Fletcher at MEMA. Kevin has done the analyses Tony asked for so we'll be ready if those comments come up in the final official version.

2. Plans and Specs

- Kevin said they are working on the contractor bid packages for us and he has an internal goal of completing them by May 13th. We should have them to look at at our next regular meeting.
- Our hope is to have everything ready to go once we get the NRPA permit so we can immediately go out to bid the project.

3. Kleinschmidt signed the engineering design contract with IF&W last week so they are officially on-board for that part of the project. Kevin is in the process of coordinating a meeting between Leon Bucher of IF&W, himself, myself and any of you that are interested sometime next week. The tentative day is next Tuesday. When the day/time firms up I will send an email to let everyone know. The purpose of this meeting is to basically walk the site and answer any of Kevin's questions on how we want things arranged. He will have a preliminary plan of the dam site at that meeting so we can see how they go together.

I also talked to Brian Beneski at DEP/Brownfields a week or so back.

4. We I asked if the Town can sell unused portions of the dam property. The answer is yes. The property on the west side (i.e., Canton Variety side) had no contamination so there are no restrictions and the Town could sell it whenever they like. The east side could also be subdivided and sold but there would have to be a disclosure to the buyer that the site is a contaminated Brownfield.

5. Also, remember the Town applied for a US EPA grant to clean up the site.

I am going to follow up with Brian, Amy and Ferg to see if we can find out the status of that. My personal opinion is that we should sell the lot west of the brook (except a patch in front of Turnbull's where the dam abutment on the west side will be). If it looks like the EPA grant WILL come through, we should remediate the property, subdivide and sell it (it will be more valuable if it is fixed). If the EPA grant doesn't come through we should consider subdividing off the dam/boat ramp part and selling the rest (basically the east half toward 108).

Brian Jordan stopped by my office a few weeks ago.

6. Brian said the ATV club would be willing and interested in helping with fund raising and building of the trail bridge at the old bridge piers.

Here is the to-do list for next time:

- Mac will contact Avcog and DEP to see if there is any news on the EPA grant.
- Polly -- could you update us on your discussions with the ATV club, trail group, etc. regarding the bridge?
- Mac will check with Kevin to see if we can get the draft bid documents for next meeting.
- I will be traveling a lot in May so the next meeting is scheduled for MAY 30th at 6:30 in the Canton Town Office. If something comes up in the meantime I will email the group.

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