

Dam Advisory Committee Meeting
November 7, 2011

In attendance: Mac Ray, Jim Byrne (EPA Project Officer), Brian Beneski (DEP Brownfields), Gary Dougherty, Rob Turnbull, and Judy Hamilton

Mac gave the assembled group a tour of the site pointing out the dam construction, the old dam, the contaminated areas per the Brownfields assessment, location of the IF&W boat ramp and parking, multipurpose foot/snowmobile bridge, former power house, railroad bed, property boundaries, clean and contaminated piles of fill and answered various questions.

EPA cleanup grant paperwork is complete. Transfer of funds to pay bills has been set up and will be managed through the town office. This is all done electronically and transfers can be done in any amount until the total is expended and does not require invoices to initiate.

First order of business is for Canton to hire the project consultant/engineer. DEP recently hired four firms by competitive bid. Brian Beneski will email Mac the names of the four firms. Canton selectmen, along with members of the Advisory Committee, will interview these four firms and should be able to have the project consultant on board by the second week of December. Once the consultant is hired, several things need to happen - all most likely before Christmas:

- A meeting scheduled between the consultant and IF&W's engineer to coordinate the clean up and boat ramp installation. These two projects can happen largely in the same timeframe as well as much of the same ground areas.
- ABCA [Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives] is prepared for Brian Beneski at DEP.
- The project must be advertised in the paper after which a 30-day public comment period is required.
- Another town meeting or public forum should be scheduled to provide an opportunity for questions from the public. It was suggested that this be scheduled the week of December 19th.

During the month of January, permitting (Permit by Rule/PBR) and bid package preparations for hiring the cleanup contractor could be expected. The EPA grant terms and conditions should be a part of the bid package to make sure that EPA requirements are met. By Feb 1st, permits should be in hand and bid package ready to go.

By March 1st the cleanup contractor should be hired and ready to begin work once the snow is gone and weather permits. Once underway, the cleanup is expected to take no more than a month to complete. Coordinating both the clean up and the boat launch and parking projects, major construction work could be completed by early summer. This could open the way for a grand celebration on the 4th of July 2012.

The consultant will submit an application to the Voluntary Response Action Program [VRAP] describing the Canton cleanup project. Brian Beneski, DEP Brownfields, then issues a "no action assurance letter". With the submission of a final report, DEP issues a certificate of completion and liability release for the Town of Canton with regard to the contaminants found through the Brownfields assessments.

The EPA clean up grant funding must be expended within three years of its origin. While major construction is expected to be complete by summer 2012, landscaping, match work and final

expenditures can be made as late as June 2014. The trail work leading up to and from the proposed multipurpose bridge will be covered by the EPA cleanup funds. Covering the old riprap along the stream banks to prevent zamac trees and other weeds from growing can also be included in the cleanup. We were advised to spend the entire grant and match.

Next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be in early December for the interviews for the selection of the cleanup consultant. An email notice will be sent to notify the committee when the next meeting date has been scheduled.

Submitted by,
Judy Hamilton