

CDBG Advisory Committee  
June 28, 2010

Present: Mac Ray, Donnie Hutchins, Scotty Kilbreth, Judy Hamilton, Polly Bussiere, Rob Turnbull, Gary Dougherty and Joe Cloonan

**Financial Report**

According to Kathy Hutchins, there are bills totaling \$807.91 (primarily for legal fees connected with the Notice of Violation), which can be covered by the two town appropriations. Gary Dougherty, lake association treasurer, reported that the capital campaign has increased the funds in the LAA Dam Fund to \$28,331 and pledges increasing the commitment to a total of \$68,715 to date. Funds on hand account for 26% of the \$152,000 above the CDBG grant for the estimated amount needed to complete a new permanent dam. Including the pledges received to date, 52.4% of the additional funds have been raised.

Remember: Only those bills paid after the environmental clearance release date can be reimbursed from the CDBG funds. That clearance will not likely come before the end of August. So bills paid between now and when the CDBG funds are released will be paid with existing funds and cannot be considered as part of the required 25% match.

Suggestion was made that the LAA donation/pledge forms be available in the two town offices to encourage residents who are not on the lake association mailing list to contribute. A new dam benefits all Canton and Hartford taxpayers.

**DEP Brownfields assessment**

Analytical data from the sampling gathered at the end of May was expected by the end of last week. Canton expects the draft of the Phase II report by the beginning of July.

**Phase II Hearing and Clean-up**

The June 15<sup>th</sup> hearing was well attended, quite productive in disseminating information, gathering public input and setting plans for moving forward on several issues. Hearing minutes and attendance list were given to Kathy Hutchins for submission to CDBG.

Scotty Kilbreth will contact Terry Ann Stevens at CDBG to request a visit with Kathy to hand off all materials and paperwork collected to date. Polly and Judy offered their assistance in gathering these forms if needed.

Questions regarding the public boat ramp project were answered. Larry Giroux has been asked to talk with IF&W biologists about the advisability of a fish screen at the dam. Once the permitting for the new dam is complete, Canton expects that the partnering with IF&W on this project will begin in earnest.

Twenty-four volunteers came out for the clean up day on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The banks were cleared of brush, the fields were brush-hogged, and trees and flowering shrubs were planted along the top of the bank. The property looks much

different and this committee is grateful for all those who volunteered. Judy will publish a public "thank you". Mac will be contacting CEO, Jack Plumley, concerning ways to safely kill and discourage re-growth of trees and shrubs in the granite-lined embankment and appropriate methods of rebuilding the granite wall between Mac's building and the Rt. 108.

**Notice of Violation**

Assistant Attorney General, Amy Mills, has called a meeting between Canton and DEP to address the NOV received last summer following the emergency repair of the temporary dam. Mac Ray, three Canton selectmen and Canton attorney, Jack Conway will meet in Augusta with DEP officials and Ms Mills. Kevin Cooley will present the project plans for the new dam to give a more complete perspective to the specific issues raised in the NOV. Canton addressed the erosion control issues immediately following receipt on the NOV and has addressed all other DEP requests. DEP requires an after-the-fact NRPA permit for the emergency repairs and the removal of the rocks used. Canton is proposing wrapping the after-the-fact permit application into the NRPA application for the permanent dam, which will be done this fall. Removing of rocks at this point is believed to cause more damage, therefore, the Canton select board refuses to comply. Tuesday's meeting is expected to resolve these differences.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Canton town office. Until this group settles into regular monthly meetings, we would like to have the two town offices give public notification of these meetings. Polly Bussiere has agreed to make sure that the Sun Journal includes our scheduled meeting dates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Hamilton, Secretary