

Brattleboro Planning Commission

Monday, May 6, 2019

Planning Commissioners: Felicity Ratte, Tom Mosakowski, Josh Steele, Kate Audlin

Excused: Jessica Gelter, Kathy Urffer

Staff: Sue Fillion, Planning Director

A. Meeting called to Order

Ms. Ratte called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

B. Announcements

None

C. Public Comments

None

D. Approve Minutes of April 1, 2019

Mr. Steele moved to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019 as written; seconded by Ms. Audlin. Pass 4-0

E. Municipal Planning Grant Update

Ms. Fillion reported that the 7 proposals were submitted. The Committee will be interviewing three firms on May 21.

F. Brattleboro Brownfields Program

a. Status of Funds

Ms. Fillion advised that all the Hazardous Substance funds are committed to projects.

b. Update on existing sites

250 Birge Street	State Historic Preservation Office is requiring Phase IA archeological testing and documenting of the historic sites. VT River Conservatory has funding through their EPA Cleanup grant to do this work.
48 Elm Street	Concrete block building will be demolished but there is PCBs on the first floor. NEYT is exploring additional funding for cleanup.
BMAC Properties, Main Street	No further work required at this time. If properties are redeveloped, additional soil vapor testing may be required.
Groundworks	Asbestos was found in building materials that will need to be remediated prior to building demolition. T-Clip Lead tests came back positive which will require proper disposal of materials. No further work required.
Long Falls Paperboard	Brattleboro Brownfields Programs is contributing \$20,000 towards Phase II Environmental Site Assessment with the State paying the remaining costs. Town hired Stone Environmental as

	that is the State's contractor.
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G. Project Planning for Upcoming Year

The Commission listed the following topics as items they would see a role for the PC in:

- Setting up a sharing software to keep track of projects, even if not always being discussed at meeting – may need to be locked so that only I can edit to avoid Open Meeting law – short term priority
- Sustainability Coordinator – is there a role for the PC to play in the writing of the job description and search? - short term priority
- Zoning for Cannabis – legislation is moving in a direction where we might need to consider zoning it – an area for additional research
- Broadband – another possible legislative action that could make money available to communities. We see a potential role for the PC to gather information on accessibility in Brattleboro – keep track of
- Move the Certified Local Government program forward – requires more information
- Learn more about Abenaki resources – are there land use tools that we can use to conserve sites? - short term priority
- Housing –long term priority
- Follow-up with Brattleboro Listening Project – perhaps follow-up with the Downtown Plan
- Schedule a joint PC/DRB meeting to discuss Land Use regulations

I. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Mosakowski; seconded by Mr. Steele. Pass 6-0.