

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT  
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 14, 2010 10:00 – 11:30  
Calais City Building Conference Room, Calais

**In Attendance:**

Lou Esposito, The First  
Dick Fickett, Cherryfield  
Roger Clapp, Addison (by phone)  
Nick Hodgkins, Maine DEP  
Blaine Jones, Bangor Savings Bank  
Billy Howard, Calais

**Staff:**

Judy East, WCCOG  
Todd Coffin, GEI

**1. Phase II Site investigation Plans/Timing**

Two highest priority sites on track for any EPA cleanup funding:

- Machias Dry Cleaner – Phase II field work starting week of July 19
- Sea St. in Eastport - Phase II field work starting week of July 19

Billy asked if the open space use for the Machias Dry Cleaners was still being considered given the change in Managers in Machias; since the meeting Jeremy followed up with new Machias Town Manager Chris Loughlin. Chris said that he was familiar with Betsy's idea of developing a "plaza." When he took the idea to the Selectmen, their first re-action was concern over the loss of tax-able property. He also added that "the Burnham Tavern deserves a good neighbor." Jeremy's take is that there is more eagerness to see a redevelopment of the site that would retain some or all of the built infrastructure (or at least the tax revenue that it generates), but the idea of municipal re-development hadn't been ruled out.

Expect to mobilize mid to late August for Phase IIs on :

- Antones Triangle in Pembroke – work plan in for MEDEP review
- Bridges property in Calais - work plan in for MEDEP review

EPA staff Joe Ferrari visited all 4 Phase II sites with staff on June 9

**2. Community Outreach**

Todd described efforts since we last met including:

- Web site updates including press, photos, status of the program and meetings.
- Presentation to the Calais Rotary took place after the meeting; well attended, well received.
- Presentation to WCCOG Executive Committee took place in the evening after our meeting; very low attendance but made progress in identifying potential Phase I sites in East Machias (Sandy's Sales and former Bangor Hydro site); Bruce Molleur will provide contact information on the Sandy's Sales property

which is on the market. Todd and Nick to follow up with O'Neill's in Baring as there is a prospective purchaser.

### **3. Prospective Site Status**

Committee reviewed prospective site status sheet circulated by Todd.

- There are several entries for May 18 – these are very preliminary and merely reflect commercial sites that are on the market ; if committee members have more information about them we can/will discuss further.
- The Columbia Factory (former canning factory; owned by Lubec Historical Society) was submitted as a prospect through the site nomination form on the web site; committee ranked it as a 21; discussed that it had very little re-development potential; Nick suggested that it might be a good candidate for ME DEP Brownfields funds; Nick to follow up with Jean Firth.
- Consea property located/owned by city of Eastport; commercial property on waterfront near Estes Head; existing building is a tear down; Judy will (did) follow up with City Manager Jon Southern: site nomination form coming; property maps have arrived; Judy discussed with Todd that we may rank it by e-mail with the committee.
- Goding cement property in Baileyville; landowner interested in having assessment done; decent buildings on site; Nick knows the property and will contact for site access agreement; may be able to use Petroleum funds given type of issues on site; committee ranked property as a 29.

### **4. Other business**

- Phase I activities starting on Schoppee garage in Jonesboro.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> in Machias** at the location to be determined from **10AM to 11:30AM**.

Respectfully submitted: Todd Coffin and Judy East, July 20, 2010.