

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

September 19, 2010 10:00 – 11:30
Machias Career Center, Conference Room, Machias

In Attendance:

Lou Esposito, The First, Calais
Betsy Fitzgerald, Washington County
Nick Hodgkins, Maine DEP
Received regrets from Dick, Fickett, Harold Clossey and Roger Clapp

Staff:

Judy East, WCCOG
Todd Coffin, GEI
Jeremy Gabrielson, WCCOG

1. Phase II Site investigation Plans

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

- Machias Cleaners and Laundry – Phase II draft report done; under review by Maine DEP
- 15 Sea St. in Eastport - Phase II draft report done; under review by Maine DEP

Discussion of next steps for Machias Cleaners and Laundry – will be done in consultation with landowner and ideas from committee; found typical material from a dry cleaner; could require addition, though limited, Phase II work, depending on future ownership/use different actions will be taken; Todd to contact Cony Upton with results with Nick Hodgkins, Betsy Fitzgerald and Jeremy Gabrielson.

15 Sea St. follow-up; Lou to contact for face to face meeting with Todd, Lou and Judy

Committee asked to NOT provide information from Phase II reports to public or to landowners until Todd has the chance to talk with them directly.

Next week – Phase II field work scheduled in Pembroke (Antones Triangle) and in Calais (Bridges property).

2. Phase I Site Investigations

Phase I field work and research for Schoppee Garage (Jonesport) Completed and started on the Consea Property (Eastport); EPA asking for information on ownership (needs to be acquired on the basis of non-payment of taxes and not acquisition); Judy to contact to check how they gained ownership (FYI – was tax acquired; found out while writing up minutes).

3. Community Outreach

Todd asked: How to get information to the community?

Betsy suggests meeting with Selectmen in communities involved and with the Commissioners; next meeting is October 7 (always the first Thursday unless the first Thursday is the first day of the month).

Include in SCEC newsletter and Facebook; also SCEC Board meeting.

Map discussion:

- Distinguish between an outreach map and a map for the committee to track status.

Outreach map:

- Poster format – use smaller county map and several aerial photo base maps for areas where there are active sites (and photos from Phase Is)
- Leave off nominated sites
- Add any sites that WCCOG forwards to DEP that are proceeding, e.g., Columbia Factory (Lubec Historical Society) in Lubec

Working map for committee:

- Distinguish between petroleum and Hazardous materials funding
- 11 by 17 format
- Combine the yellow and red to one category of “nominated sites” with a bubble from the status sheet to give the various details as to its status
- Also add sites forwarded to DEP

4. Prospective Site Status

New sites – LP site in Baileyville; deal still pending for P/S to purchase by LaPlante; lots of interest in starting up boiler; LaPlante business is shifting from father to sons so they are leaving the project dormant for awhile; LaPlante did contact LP and he says they are on-board with the Phase I proceeding; so Phase I can proceed if/when we get an access agreement in writing from LP; Todd asking if the Committee is still interested in the Phase I proceeding; Committee agreed it is worth proceeding; Nick says that getting it done in the next few months would allow any subsequent work (Phase II) to proceed next spring; Todd asked Nick whether the site could be a Petroleum site; Nick says it may not be eligible because LP has the ability to pay and Petroleum funds require that current or previous owner can't be a likely responsible party; there is funding left to allow pursuing this site.

Goding cement property in Baileyville; Nick has tried to contact and received no response; Goding is currently working though VRAP on a site in Lincoln and there are expenses; getting Goding to pay attention to the Baileyville site would be assisted if there were an interested/prospective purchaser who would also benefit from getting the Phase I done.

The Columbia Factory (former canning factory; owned by Lubec Historical Society) was submitted to DEP; Phase I is being conducted in the next few months

O'Neil – Could proceed best if Roger Holst (who is interested in the property) were to inquire and let him know of their interest. Judy to let Roger know that this would be the best next step; Harold (knows the family) and could be a good person to let them know

that proceeding with a Phase 1 would be in their interest. A likely petroleum site particularly if they complete the ability to pay form with the result that they are not able to pay.

5. National Brownfields Conference – Philadelphia, PA next Spring

We submitted a proposal for a session to describe a rural, regional, small city Brownfields program, particularly outreach strategies - have not heard yet whether we will be forming a panel; Judy to follow up with colleagues in VT; Todd to do the same in New Hampshire.

6. Other business

EPA deadline for additional funding is Oct 15; premature to apply this year; we are doing well but we don't have sufficient completed projects; we have ~\$250,000 left to do the sites that are in the hopper; have spent ~\$25,000 on petroleum side and ~\$75,000 on the hazardous materials side.

We decided to wait until late October, early November to schedule the next meeting; Todd will do a "meeting doodle" or comparable web service to find a date.

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