



Brownfields Advisory Committee MEETING SUMMARY

August 8th, 2016 @ 4 pm – 6 pm
CVRPC Offices, 29 Main St., Montpelier, VT

ATTENDEES:

<p>Voting Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Shatney, <i>City of Barre</i> • Julie Potter, <i>Town of E. Montpelier</i> • George Malek, <i>Town of Orange</i> • Ron Krauth, <i>Town of Middlesex</i> • Anita Kelman, <i>Capstone Community Action</i> • Gunner McCain, <i>Central Vermont Economic Development Corp.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sasha Bianchi, <i>VT Dept. of Health, Barre District</i> <p>Non-Voting Attendees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorrie Paar, <i>U.S. EPA Region 1</i> • Gail Aloisio, <i>CVRPC Staff</i> • Bonnie Waninger, <i>CVRPC Staff</i>
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The meeting started at 4:00 pm.

Adjustments to the Agenda

G. Aloisio noted that the meeting had not been properly warned and therefore the committee cannot take action.

Minutes

No action.

Appointment of New Committee Members

Appointment will be deferred until the September meeting.

Rules of Procedure

Committee members provided further comments on the proposed permanent Rules of Procedure. Final discussion and action regarding recommending the Rules to the Board of Commissioners for adoption will take place at the September meeting.

Visit by EPA Region 1 Project Officer Dorrie Paar

D. Paar explained the EPA role of having active involvement in the Brownfields grant through reporting, close communication between staff and the Project Officer, and visits. The P.O. also brings perspectives from other states in New England. EPA also has a strong focus on rural communities and RPCs can help them a great deal by providing grant writing and project management capacity.

EPA won't tolerate contractors that underbid in hopes of getting the rest of the site work later that is likely to be requested by the VT DEC. If CVRPC suspects this we should contact VT DEC and EPA Region 1.

CVRPC's grant has a three year project period and CVRPC is expected to be allocating the money to projects that meet the Site Selection Criteria. The funds are meant to be seed money to enable the investment of other public or private funds. The goal is do good projects that work for your region.

D. Paar noted that most assessment programs do not ask developers or prospective purchasers to cost share. Revolving Loan Fund and Clean Up Programs might do this, however.

Next Meeting

S. Bianchi noted she is leaving her position. Savannah Riddle will participate on behalf of the Department of Health.

The next meeting was confirmed for **September 19th, from 4-6 pm** at the CVRPC Offices.

The meeting concluded at 6 pm.