



## Brownfields Advisory Committee MINUTES

April 13th, 2016 @ 4 pm  
CVRPC Offices, 29 Main St., Montpelier, VT

### ATTENDEES:

| Voting Members  | Non-Voting Attendees  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janet Shatney, <i>City of Barre</i></li><li>• Julie Potter, <i>Town of East Montpelier</i></li><li>• George Malek, <i>Town of Orange</i></li><li>• Ron Krauth, <i>Town of Middlesex</i></li><li>• Sasha Bianchi, <i>Dept. of Health, Barre D.</i></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anita Kelman, <i>Capstone Community Action</i></li><li>• Brad Denny, <i>Town of Northfield</i></li><li>• Bonnie Waninger, <i>CVRPC Staff</i></li><li>• Bill Barre, <i>Guest</i></li><li>• Nathan Bradley, <i>Guest</i></li><li>• Mike Miller, <i>Guest</i></li><li>• Gail Aloisio, <i>CVRPC Staff</i></li></ul> |

### SUMMARY:

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

The following Adjustments were made to the Agenda: add update on Rules of Procedure adoption, and postpone in-depth discussion of urban soils/IROCP revision. DEC representative was unavailable to attend and advised waiting on an in-depth discussion until a DEC representative could be present.

The Minutes from the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 were reviewed, moved and seconded to approve. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

The Brownfields Advisory Committee (BAC) Rules of Procedure were adopted by the Board of Commissioners, authorizing the BAC to carry out the activities and procedures therein. They were adopted on an interim basis and must be reviewed to see how they are working and resubmitted before Oct. 12, 2016. The Commission requested that all votes be recorded in minutes noting who voted and their position taken.

Membership by seat was reviewed, and new membership candidates were asked to introduce themselves and discuss the interest of their organization in participating. Brad Denny is a former Northfield Selectboard member and now serves on the Northfield Economic Development Committee. Anita Kelman is a Weatherization Counselor with Capstone Community Action, with a background in

environmental science. Capstone's mission is to eradicate poverty. Alison Friedman, not in attendance, is the Real Estate Development Director for Downstreet Housing & Community Development. She has experience leading brownfields redevelopments on two of Downstreets recent housing renovation projects.

Sasha Bianchi is the Dept. of Health's appointee to the DOH's standing membership seat, attending her first meeting. She shared that the Dept. of Health would like to promote healthy community design that makes healthy choices easy, and brownfields is one tool for achieving that.

Julie Potter moved to appoint Brad Denny, Anita Kelman, and Alison Freidkin to the Brownfields Committee, effective immediately. Ron Krauth seconded the motion. In discussion, it was asked that candidates acknowledge that trade, commerce & employment are in the public good. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

George Malek departed the meeting at 4:32 pm.

Staff reviewed the terms and duties of the BAC Chair and Vice Chair. Anita Kelman nominated Julie Potter as Chair. Julie respectfully declined and alternately nominated Janet Shatney. Janet accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed Janet and was elected chair by unanimous vote 6-0.

Mike Miller arrived at the meeting at 4:33 pm.

Anita Kelman nominated Julie Potter to serve as Vice Chair. Julie accepted. Nominations were closed and Julie was elected Vice Chair by unanimous vote 6-0.

Mike Miller shared the City of Montpelier's perspectives on how urban soils regulations affect the City's development goals. The city has been mostly successful managing the soils on site, without having to remove them, except in floodplain areas. Filling is not allowed by the floodplain regulations, therefore soils excavated must be disposed off site. The City has also contemplated the idea of the RPC or Solid Waste district helping to create and permit a designated receiving site where contaminated soils from the region (PAHs, arsenic, lead only) could be disposed at lower cost than transporting to certified landfill.

The Committee conducted an exercise to explore the long term community revitalization implications of the Former Chemfab plant PFOA contamination in North Bennington VT. The members were asked to identify the 3 most important things for the community to do to revitalize itself, and then grouped and discussed their ideas.

The meeting concluded with project updates and a few questions about the site selection process.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

#### **Wrap-up and Next Steps:**

The next BAC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 16th at 4 pm at the CVRPC Offices.**