

**Governor Malloy's Southbury Training School Task Force met at Southbury Training School, Moser Library, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, December 15, 2014.**

Present: Terry Macy, DDS Commissioner (Co-Chair)  
Binu Chandy, DECD Civil Engineer (Representative for Catherine Smith, DECD Commissioner)  
April Capone, OPM Representative for Secretary Barnes  
Steven Reviczky, Department of Agriculture Commissioner  
Eugene Harvey, STS Director  
Ed Edelson, Southbury First Selectman  
Hugh Sullivan, Registered Architect, Town of Southbury  
Leslie Kane, Business Representative, Town of Southbury

Excused: Ben Barnes, OPM Secretary (Co-Chair)  
Diana Mennone, STS Guardian

Guests: Daniel T. Forrest, DECD  
Arthur Bogen, Naugatuck Valley Council of Government (COG)  
Rick Dunne, Naugatuck Valley COG  
Christine M. Pollio, DDS  
Warren Schilling, P.E., Plant Facilities Engineer 2

Commissioner Macy opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. with a review of the September 9, 2014 meeting minutes. Ed Edelson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Binu Chandy seconded. All in favor.

Arthur Bogen reported that the Valley Council of Governments (VCOG), on behalf of the Town of Southbury, has received a Brownfield Assessment Grant from the State of CT (DECD) to conduct a limited soil and ground water assessment of the Southbury Training School. Interested firms with a CT DEEP-Licensed Environmental Professional on staff should submit qualifications to [vcoginfo@valleycog.org](mailto:vcoginfo@valleycog.org) by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. A project selection committee will convene and review the RFQ submissions, selecting no fewer than three qualified firms who will be invited to respond to a separate Request for Proposals (RFP). Participation in a mandatory site walk is required of all qualified firms prior to response to the RFP. The focus will be on soil and groundwater issues; the state will continue with building abatement activities independently of this grant. It was suggested that Warren Schilling be invited to participate in the mandatory site walk.

Warren Schilling reported the Health Care Unit abatement is in progress to be followed by the incinerator building and then Staff House #3. The abatement process will continue through spring and then pick up again in the fall. Commissioner Steven Reviczky reported similar projects are being conducted on the agricultural property at STS. Daniel Forrest reported that there will be appropriate documentation before any demolition takes place.

Ed Edelson recommended there needs to be a press release once progress on abatement is visible to the public stating the state is going forward with good choices/decisions for preserving the environment for the future.

The YMCA's choice for a regional community center as future reuse of Roselle School was determined not to be a good choice for the organization. Among some of the issues cited were parking problems, visibility, and maintenance of grounds.

Ed Edelson informed the committee of the existence of the Cooperative Fund of New England (CFNE), which was founded in 1975 by co-op activists and social investors to provide financial and technical assistance to food cooperatives. They offer development loans and technical assistance to a wide range of co-ops and nonprofit groups. It was suggested this group be invited to a future task force meeting to give more details of their organization.

Commissioner Reviczky reported that the farmland survey has been completed and they are now working with DDS to transfer control and custody of the property to the Department of Agriculture. Structural assessments and reuse determinations are being conducted. Funds will be available for farmland restoration. The short-term goal is making the land available for agricultural use by 2016. There is a possible issue of waste from the incinerator being dumped at the farm area years ago. Eugene Harvey will be speaking with the few remaining veteran staff to determine if STS can be more specific in identifying the possible locations of the potentially contaminated land. Brownfield grant money could be used for any clean-up. Rick Dunn stressed the need to use the normal regulatory process to insure proper documentation for review by any future private investor.

Ed Edelson reported the Town of Southbury has approved zoning for the Grace Meadows property that will be built for affordable senior housing.

Mr. Edelson again stressed the importance of a project/site manager for the short term to oversee the grant process. This should be determined by the Commissioner and Secretary Barnes.

It was decided to have meetings scheduled every other month for the next six months.

Meeting adjourned 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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