

Governor Malloy's Southbury Training School Task Force met at Southbury Training School, Room #210 in Roselle, Southbury, Connecticut, on Friday, August 1, 2014.

Attendees at Central Office:

Terry Macy, DDS Commissioner (Co-Chair)
Binu Chandy, DECD Civil Engineer (Representative for Catherine Smith, DECD Commissioner)
Steven Reviczky, Department of Agriculture Commissioner
(By telephone conference)
OPM Representative for Secretary Barnes

Attendees at Southbury Training School:

Eugene Harvey, STS Director
Ed Edelson, Southbury First Selectman
Hugh Sullivan, Registered Architect, Town of Southbury
Leslie Kane, Business Representative, Town of Southbury
Diana Mennone, STS Guardian

Excused: Ben Barnes, OPM Secretary (Co-Chair)

Guests: Daniel T. Forrest, Director of Arts & Historic Preservation, DECD
Warren Schilling P.E., Plant Facilities Engineer 2
Joseph Drexler, Deputy Commissioner

This meeting was conducted via videoconference with Commissioner Macy opening the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Commissioner Macy began by thanking DECD for the Brownfield grant. Mr. Edelson informed the committee that a site tour of STS and meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 28th to better assess the grant monies. Mr. Tim Sullivan from the Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development will be invited to this meeting.

Warren Schilling reported that the Department of Administrative Services' Division of Construction Services (DCS) is currently in the process of testing some buildings on the campus for contaminants and is expected that remediation work will follow. Mr. Schilling informed the group that he would provide some samples of the testing reports, which he said were very detailed, at the next meeting.

Mr. Harvey felt that coordination of the efforts of DCS and the firm hired by the Brownfield grant was essential to prevent duplication and maximize results. Mr. Harvey will invite representatives of DCS to the August 28th meeting.

Mr. Harvey discussed the following closed buildings that have been identified for testing are Fleck Hall, Thompson Hall, Health Care Unit, Staff House 1 and the Incinerator Building. Commissioner Macy suggested beginning by looking at these five buildings for possible remediation.

Mr. Forrest discussed grants and programs that can be accessed through the Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of the Arts & State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). He suggests dividing the campus into parcels of property and then identifying specific

uses for each parcel before applying grant monies. SHPO manages several preservation programs which may assist in the planning and future redevelopment of the STS campus. The Survey & Planning Grant program can provide up to \$30,000 in funding to 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organizations or municipalities to conduct wide range preservation planning activities. Because the Town of Southbury is a Certified Local Government (CLG), they are also eligible for up to \$30,000 Supplemental CLG Grants through SHPO's National Park Service funding. Applications for additional grants can be submitted as buildings on campus become vacant. Historic Restoration Fund Grants can provide up to \$200,000 in matching funds for the physical restoration of historic buildings.

The next step should be an application for a grant through the Department of Arts & Historic Preservation. Ms. Chandy suggested that the Task Force Committee decide first what needs to be done and then decide what grant to use.

Mr. Edelson discussed the need for a grant coordinator or project manager. He suggested the Southbury Historical Society and the new Naugatuck Valley Council of Government might be able to apply for the grants and provide grant administration and project management services. Mr. Edelson will talk with the Southbury Historical Society and the COG and report at the next meeting.

The Commissioner ended the meeting with a review of the March 13, 2014 minutes. Eugene Harvey made a motion to accept the minutes as written; and Ed Edelson seconded. All approved. The minutes will be available on the DDS website.

The next Task Force Meeting will be scheduled for early September.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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