

Governor Malloy's Southbury Training School Task Force met in Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

- Attendees: Terry Macy, DDS Commissioner (Co-Chair)
Ed Edelson, Southbury First Selectman
Joseph Dippel, Bureau Director, Agriculture Development & Resource Preservation Division (Representative for Steve Revicky, DoAg Commissioner)
Binu Chandy, DECD Civil Engineer (Representative for Catherine Smith, DECD Commissioner)
Jackson Pierre-Louis, DDS Assistant Regional Director
Hugh Sullivan, Registered Architect, Town of Southbury
Leslie Kane, Business Representative, Town of Southbury
Gian Carl Casa, OPM Guest
Christine M. Pollio Cooney, DDS Guest
- Excused: Ben Barnes, OPM Secretary (Co-Chair)
Eugene Harvey, STS Director
Diana Mennone, STS Guardian
- Guests: Richard Harrall, Senior Planner, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
Herb Rosenthal, Former First Selectman of Newtown

Commissioner Macy opened the meeting with review and approval of the August 29th meeting minutes. Ed Edelson made a motion to accept the August 29th meeting minutes as amended, Joseph Dippel seconded, all in favor. Final corrected minutes will be available on the DDS Website.

Presentation by Milone & MacBroom:

Richard Harrall, Senior Planner for Milone & MacBroom, Inc, discussed his company's proposal and implementation plan for the reuse of the property at Fairfield Hills in Newtown, CT. He then provided his company's proposal to assist the STS Task Force in data collection, initial investigation, and in conducting a public scoping session related to the future disposition of the Southbury Training School. They will assemble and review available maps, plans, and reports in order to establish the baseline condition of the core of the campus. Once the data is assembled and reviewed, the Task Force will conduct a public meeting to allow the public to identify potential reuse of the property. At the end of this initial step, the Task Force will make recommendations as to the direction for advancing the disposition of the property.

Milone & MacBroom, Inc. is prepared to initiate their work upon a notice to proceed and expect to complete Task #1 (Preliminary Investigation of Existing Site Conditions - \$13,500); Task #2 (Preliminary Investigation of the Existing Building Conditions - \$20,000); and Task #3 (Land Use Regulations - \$1,000) in approximately eight weeks thereafter. The public hearing will be conducted immediately following the completion of these tasks. A final report will be presented at a meeting of the Task Force within a month following the public meeting (Task #4 – Coordination with the STS Task Force - \$7,000).

There was a discussion regarding funding for the consultant. Ed Edelson reported that the consultants will be paid through a combination of funding from the Town of Southbury and the Office of Policy and Management, the amounts have not been finalized yet. Ed Edelson made a motion to accept the Milone & MacBroom proposal. Leslie Kane seconded. All in favor.

Presentation by Herb Rosenthal, former First Selectman of Newtown:

Herb Rosenthal gave an overview of the process involved concerning Fairfield Hills. He was elected in 1998; Fairfield Hills closed in 1996 and in 1994 a task force was put together to formulate plans for the reuse of the property. In 2001 the Town of Newtown exercised their right to purchase this property from the state. The Town of Newtown approved \$20,000,000 to purchase and redevelop the property. Environmental issues were a major concern, with \$3,500,000 spent to remediate the ground pollution. Five buildings have been demolished to date, with three large buildings still standing. The state still owns the power house, as the town did not want it due to environmental issues. The State Historic Preservation Agency needs to sign off on any demolition of buildings. It was noted several times that Fairfield Hills and Southbury Training School are very different campuses. STS has smaller buildings that are more spread out with only a few large buildings as opposed to Fairfield Hills.

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing has been scheduled for December 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at either the Southbury Town Hall or the Senior Center. Notices will be sent to all boards when finalized.

DECD Concept:

Binu Chandy brought a suggestion to the committee regarding the possibility of reusing some of the currently unused property at STS. An international school is looking to locate between New York and Boston and may consider relocating to Southbury. It was suggested for the school officials to meet with the STS officials to discuss this further.

The next meeting of the STS Task Force will be **Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the STS Moser Library.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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