

**Governor Malloy's Southbury Training School Task Force met in Moser Library at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014.**

Attendees at Central Office:

Terry Macy, DDS Commissioner (Co-Chair)  
Ben Barnes, OPM Secretary (Co-Chair)  
Ed Edelson, Southbury First Selectman  
Steven Reviczky, Department of Agriculture Commissioner  
Joseph Dippel, Bureau Director, Agriculture Development & Resource Preservation  
Binu Chandy, DECD Civil Engineer (Representative for Catherine Smith, DECD Commissioner)  
Christine M. Pollio Cooney, DDS Guest

Attendees at Southbury Training School:

Eugene Harvey, STS Director  
Diana Mennone, STS Guardian

Excused: Hugh Sullivan, Registered Architect, Town of Southbury  
Leslie Kane, Business Representative, Town of Southbury

Guests: Richard Harrall, Senior Planner, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.

This meeting was conducted via videoconference with Commissioner Macy opening the meeting at 2:23 p.m. with review of the January 15, 2014 meeting minutes. It was suggested to amend the minutes by adding the following comments from Richard Harrall of Milone & MacBroom, Inc: 1) "The commission also asked that we prepare an estimate for conducting a hazardous materials assessment study for the vacant buildings on campus, including what a typical scope of services for this task would look like." And 2) "Milone & MacBroom can provide staff who are certified in making architectural preservation decisions in accordance with the Secretary of Interior standards." Ed Edelson made a motion to accept the revisions; and Binu Chandy seconded. All approved. The amended minutes will be available on the DDS website.

Commissioner Macy shared a letter that was sent to Governor Malloy regarding the progress of the Southbury Training School Task Force and seeking approval for a two-month extension of his reporting deadline of January 30, 2014. He stated that the additional time will be used to solidify planning with the local community to more clearly identify development plans that will not interfere with our current operations and which will not affect the time frame during which the school is expected to serve its population. Additional consultant needs related to the historical designation status of STS as well as potential demolition and abatement schedules and related costs will be required in order to complete this report.

Presentation by Richard Harrall:

Mr. Harrall presented a Project Scoping which included an estimate for the fee associated with conducting a hazardous building material (HBM) assessment and investigative study. This study would include the vacant buildings and the surrounding soils of those buildings on campus. A typical scope of work may include asbestos containing materials, lead-based paint and universal waste. A HBM assessment and investigation would be a comprehensive study to understand the extent of materials that need to be removed for the renovation or demolition of buildings and would form the basis of project plans and specifications for the abatement of those materials. For budgetary purposes, the cost associated with a comprehensive survey of the site buildings is

expected to range from \$75,000 to \$125,000, depending upon the number of samples ultimately collected and analyzed.

Mr. Harrall also provided a graphic overlay of the contributing and noncontributing structures based upon the features named in the National Register of Historic Places for STS. At the time of acceptance into the National Register of Historic Places (1992), some of the existing buildings to date were not included: Lake Stibbs Pavilion and Rest Room in Park; The Sanitary "S.P." Pump House; Pump House 3; and Cottages 41 and 42. Also note that only three of the stone archway culverts were named to the National Register of Historic Places for STS.

Ed Edelson reported that the application for the Brownfield Assessment grant was completed and sent to DECD. A meeting has been scheduled with Binu Chandy of DECD on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, in Hartford to discuss state property disposal process; handling Brownfield issues; and recommendations and opportunities for grants. Eugene Harvey and Jeffrey Cyr from DDS have been invited to participate. Commissioner Macy thanked Ed Edelson for all of his work on this issue.

Steven Reviczky, Department of Agriculture Commissioner, discussed the farmland and various structures on the farmland for possible preservation. A March 7, 2014 MOU meeting with representatives from the Department of Agriculture and DDS will be held at STS to make determinations on these structures and the farm area and boundaries.

Report to the Governor:

The committee agreed to go forward with the Project Scoping presented by Milone & MacBroom, Inc., and Secretary Barnes will support and find funding for this project. Of immediate concern is the preservation of Crawford Hall, which was at the top of the list of Contributing properties by the Historical Preservation Department as one of the three crown jewels of STS. The building has been closed for a year and steps need to be made to keep it from deteriorating. Milone & MacBroom will look into what it would take to preserve this building and Secretary Barnes agreed to seek funding for a new roof project if needed. Commissioner Macy is going to speak to Jeff Cyr about possible funding options. Once the environmental and historical issues have been identified for the STS property, the committee agreed to present Phase 1 of the report to the Governor by the end of March.

The next meeting will either be Tuesday, March 11, 2014 or Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 1:00 p.m depending on the availability of presenters.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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