

## **BOARD OF SELECTMAN UPDATE**

**May 19, 2014**

### ***PUTNAM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PRA)***

#### ***Community Development Block Grant – 2012 – Housing Rehabilitation***

See attached report

#### ***Municipal Brownfield Pilot Program- Cargill Falls Mill***

Bid documents are being drafted for the Abatement and Disposal Plan for the Environmental Contractor. The project will be defined by a Part 1 and 2 approach separating buildings to attract better pricing on abatement and demolition.

#### ***Former Putnam Foundry***

Progress is moving on the specification for the environmental abatement. A meeting is scheduled on May 12<sup>th</sup> on site. The meeting was scheduled by the CT Dept of Public Health to review the Alternative Work Practices (AWP). Eagle Environmental will also be on site to assist with recommendations. Once the AWP is reviewed and approved by DPH the specifications will be finalized by CME Assoc.

### ***ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT***

#### ***88 Main St. Façade Improvement Project***

Final Report is being drafted to the CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development (CTDECD) for their approval. All work has been completed as defined by the Façade Improvement Scope of Work and signed off by Karl Norton, Architect.

#### ***Industrial Park Updates***

- New England Plasma – 6,000 s/f expansion to be completed by June 1, 2014. Eastern CT Enterprise Corridor (ECEC) application has been submitted to the CT DECD.
- Foster Corporation – Closing for Lot 19-1 to take place within the next 2 weeks. ECEC application for expansion has been submitted to the CT DECD
- Renchel Tool – To occupy by May 31, 2014

## ***Plan of Conservation and Development***

Met with the Town Planner and POCD Chair to discuss future developments and focus of the work group. The focus of the June 9<sup>th</sup> POCD meeting will be on Economic Development. We will be looking at market trends, employment trends, industry clusters, retail/commercial, the tax base, and the office market.

## ***Ongoing Projects/Venues/Announcements***

*Community Garden:* Opening Day was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the garden is completely full this year without any advertisements. Four new families have joined and the last ground bed was adopted by the Putnam School system.

*Putnam Arts Council:* Ideas are exchanged continuing the momentum to celebrate the Arts as economic development in Putnam. The Council plans and implements the Art Attacks for all First Friday Events.

*Saturday Farmer's Market:* 12 rentals to date for the 2014 season. Accounts have been set in place for the market as well as the SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program).

*Wholesome Wave:* We have received an award of \$6,000 to supplement the Women's, Infants and Children's (WIC) nutritional program. This is the first time we have not had to actually apply and will not have to provide a cash match.

*First Fridays:* Extremely successful May 3<sup>rd</sup> event based on a 'Music' theme. Opera performers were staged in front of 88 Main for a performance. The June venue is focused on 'Dance'

*Partnership for Strong Communities:* Attended the seminar on 'Speed Dating', an experimental workshop designed to bring municipalities together with developers, financial institutions and builders for affordable housing.

*MFG4 Convention:* Attended a manufacturing convention held at the Hartford Convention Center. Manufacturing is changing in our nation as showcased at the convention from low-value repetitive assembly to high-value technology rich products and services. The convention was purposed for aero-space, defense, medical and micro-manufacturing and my mission was to ask businesses on the east coast if they wanted to do business in Putnam, CT in the Quinebaug Regional Technology Park.

### ***Grant Opportunities and Writing***

- Downtown Historic Designation
- CT Main Street Investment Fund - \$500,000 toward Phase II of the Providence Street Enhancement Project

### ***New Businesses***

Ben's Beans Coffee Roaster to occupy Main St. location by June 30, 2014.  
Debra Burns, Chiropractic Services, South Main St

Town of Putnam Housing Rehab Program		Last revised 4/30/2014															
Putnam, CT 06260		Report printed on 5/14/2014															
#SC1211601																	
Monthly Report		April 2014															
#PU12	Name	Address	Income Eligible	Home Inspection	L.B.P. Inspection	No lead / RRP / Abatement	Scope of Work In Progress	Site Walk	Project Out to Bid	Bid Date	Contractor Selected	Contract Date	Initial Contract Amount	Change(s) Order(s)	Total Project Cost	Project Completion	Comments
1	PU12-001	CASTONGUAY 228 River Road	√	1/29/13	2/20/13	A	√	6/11/13	√	6/18/13	Gagnon	7/18/13	\$49,669	\$8,650	\$58,319	100%	Exterior painting Sidewalk pending weather
2	PU12-002	BATES 355 Kennedy Drive	√	3/6/13	3/13/13	A	√	9/24/13	√	10/1/13	AGBS	10/17/13	\$29,864	\$4,565	\$30,269	90%	received sign from Bldg Official
3	PU12-003	WACHTER 223 Providence Street	√	5/17/13	5/30/13	A	√	10/1/13	√	10/17/13	Gagnon	11/7/13	\$28,669	\$1,600	\$30,269	100%	Letter of Ineligibility sent 4/25/13
4	over HUD Limit	REMLIARD 136 Church Street	NO														Letter of Ineligibility sent 2/13/13
5	over HUD Limit	MIMMANDE 449 Providence Street	NO														Insufficient Equity
6	Insufficient Equity	HAINES 58 Laurel Street															Project underway as of 4/28/14
7	PU12-004	ST. ONGE 167 Walnut Street	√	9/25/13	10/8/13	A	√	12/18/13	√	12/30/13	Gagnon	1/15/14	\$35,775			60%	Letter of Ineligibility sent 5/30/13
8	No Equity	MBYE 33 Chapman Street															Letter of Ineligibility sent 8/8/13
9	Ineligible Vacant Property	GOPELAND 224 English Neighborhood Road, Woodstock, CT 06281 5, 7, 9 Mill Street															Letter of Ineligibility sent 8/8/13
10	PU12-005	BERGERON 19 Florence Street	√	10/18/13	11/4/13	A	√	3/6/14	√	3/14/14	Square V	3/25/14	\$63,700			30%	Vacant Properties are ineligible Roof is completed Home is historic & will require painting
11		WILLIAMSON PO Box 12, 17 Pleasant Street															Letter of Ineligibility sent 5/3/13
12	Insufficient Equity	DUNTON 46 Center Street															No Equity
13	No Equity	BOLDUG 110 Smith Street															Deceased
14	Deceased	LABONTE 432 Church Street															Letter of Ineligibility sent 9/18/13
15	over HUD Limit	O'SHAUGHNESSY 125 Sabin Street															owes WPCA \$11,228.63
16	Not Tax Current Reverse Mortgage	RAY 263 School Street	√														Reverse Mortgage-Letter of Ineligibility sent 11/16/13
17		O'BRIEN 821 Five Mile River Road	√														
18		DEMERS 119 School Street, Apt. 3															

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19	COURNOYER	PO Box 589, 22 South Main Street															Lacks sufficient equity, but may need emergency furnace
20	PU12-010	SERGEL	✓	11/20/13	N/A	N	✓	4/9/14	✓	4/12/14	Gagnon						Not officially awarded yet
21		GUERTIN															
22	over HUD Limit	SMTHH	NO														Letter of ineligibility sent 11/22/13
23	over HUD Limit	REMHLLARD	NO														Letter of ineligibility sent 11/22/13
24		ERIKSEN															
25		LALUMIERE															
26		HUNT															
27	No Equity	SHPPEE	✓														Letter of ineligibility sent 2/21/14
28		NICHOLSON															
29		OUELLETTE															
30		OWENS															
31		FITTS															
32	PU12-014	DEMERS	✓	2/25/14	3/4/14	A	✓										Developing scope
33	PU12-015	LAMOTHE	✓	3/6/14	4/1/14		✓										Developing scope
34	No Equity	PENRØD	✓														Letter of ineligibility sent 3/10/14
35	over HUD Limit	BROWN	NO														Letter of ineligibility sent 2/21/14
	PU12-016	DIVINCENZO	✓														Called homeowner for HI date
	PU12-017	AWALT	✓														

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PU12-018	PELKEY	359 South Main Street		√														
PU12-019	DIETERLE	79 Pierce Road		√														
	RYAN	45 Sunnyside Avenue																
	SIMPSON	83 Underwood Road																
	MURRAY	100 Bates Avenue																
On Hold	HARRIS	78 East Putnam Road																Homeowner called to be put on hold