

## BOARD OF SELECTMAN UPDATE

July 14, 2014

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

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

See attached report. The quarterly and annual reports have been filed with the CT Dept of Housing.

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

Written quotes are being submitted for the Environmental Consultant and the Invitation to Bid for Hazardous Materials Abatement, Disposal and Demolition. Secretary Ben Barnes from the Office of Policy Management and Gian Carl Casa toured the mill complex on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project and financial pro-forma. The project is seeking funding through the Urban Act Grant Program to support private and CHAMPS5 funding.

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

Bid documents are being drafted by CME Associated for Hazardous Materials Abatement and Demolition.

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

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

The Director announced on WINY radio that the first retail tenant of the building will be Joe's Pizza from Manhattan. Joe's Pizza 'by the slice' was voted #1 in New York and Manhattan and searching for an expansion in the Boston area market. Conversations began in late 2013 between parties to court them to Putnam. The Hotel project is still on the table and being discussed.

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

- MetroCast and the ECD office are discussing options for servicing our larger business that have significant data needs for Enterprise Fiber Services. Through a 3,600 mile, high capacity 100% fiber-based network, MetroCast can offer Metro Ethernet Services including:
  - Dedicated Internet Access to dedicated bandwidth with symmetrical network capacity up to 1 Gbps
  - Point-to-Point Connectivity to connect multiple locations and share network resources

- Digital Business Trunking, a voice solution for businesses that is delivered over the MetroCast fiber network
  - This may be an option to be researched for the Regional Technology Park. Further information will be provided in the near future.
- The properties know as 33, 47 and 63 Industrial Park Road (former Trayner properties) are currently on the market for sale of lease. Discussions with the current owner for best use are being considered.
  - Zeller Property (Lot 7)  
We are working with Mr. Zeller on the resale of Lot 7 to repurpose that property into a viable use.

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

*Senior Farmers Market Vouchers:* We are in the second year of providing coupons for Putnam residents to use at the Farmers Market. The CT Dept of Agriculture has sent 50 vouchers to be given to residents meeting the criteria of being over 60 years old, having an income less than \$29,101 (couple), \$21,590 (single) and being a resident of Putnam.

*Putnam Business Association Beautification Cmte:* The Director sits on the committee and has been working on gardens in Union Square and Rotary Park. Our next project will be to paint the trash cans in the Downtown area.

*Ribbon Cutting:* **Ben's Beans Coffee Roasting Company**, July 11<sup>th</sup>

*Putnam Public School Strategic Planning:* The Director and Town Administrator attended a 2 day Strategic Planning Session to discuss and set mission, goals, objectives and action plans. The Director sat on the team for community partnerships/communication.

*Saturday Farmer's Market*

*First Fridays*