

BOARD OF SELECTMAN UPDATE

October 20, 2014

PUTNAM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PRA)

Community Development Block Grant –2013 – Housing Rehabilitation

Final Report has been submitted to the CT Dept of Housing for the 2012 Grant funding. We are submitting projects for the 2013 round.

Municipal Brownfield Pilot Program- Cargill Falls Mill

Two bids were received for the Hazardous Materials Abatement and Demolition. I have sent them on the CT Dept of Economic and Community Development for review.

Former Putnam Foundry

The public bid notice was published in the Norwich Bulletin and submitted to the CT Dept of Administrative Services Website. Approximately 12 contractors and environmental abatement specialists attended the mandatory site walk on October 8th. One formal Addendum has been published. Bids are due on October 24th at 11:00 a.m.

39 Ridge Rd

The sale of the Putnam Redevelopment Agency's Incubator Building to ERW, Inc has been Closed. Funds had to be returned to the CT CDBG program as the program mandates.

Providence Streetscape

The Director directed a Providence St site walk for the purposes of beautification enhancement and revisiting Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Plan. Members present were from the Putnam Business Associations Beautification Cmte. The Putnam Alternative Learning program students and guidance staff will be adopting the Providence St Pocket Parks.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Industrial Park Updates

- Impact Plastics is planning a 6,000 sq ft expansion at their existing location.
- A new repair facility has purchased the property known as the former KLT Trucking Company, Industrial Park Road.
- Foster Ribbon Cutting took place on September 17th for Phase I. Site work is moving along rapidly before winter weather.

Quinebaug Regional Tech Park

Marketing strategies are being formalized and discussions taking place with the Mayor and Town Administrator regarding the Economic Development Trust Fund for appraisals and various marketing tools.

CT Trust for Historic Preservation 'Making Places' Grant

This opportunity is a pilot collaborative historic preservation financial and technical assistance program. The intent is to catalyze and move forward the efforts to preserve, stabilize, rehabilitate and re-use historic industrial places. The Director has written a pre-application and has been invited to submit a full application focusing on the Belding Mill property pending Board of Selectman approval of submission.

Ongoing Projects/Venues/Announcements

Putnam Public Schools: Final meeting of the Schools Strategic Planning. The Director sits on the Community Partner/Outreach Team.

Wayfinding Informational Kiosk: The kiosk has been ordered to provide a touch screen Digital Directory. All businesses will be listed by category with visitors being able to locate businesses, coupons and websites. Community Partners receiving revenue will be the Putnam Economic and Community Development Office, NECT Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam Business Association. Contracts are being reviewed.

IEDC Conference: Fort Worth, Texas – October 19-22

Ribbon Cutting: Novel Ideas, 112 Main St, October 17, 12:00

Putnam Plan of Conservation and Development

Putnam Business Association- First Friday's Cmte, Fire and Ice Cmte, and Beautification Cmte