

BOARD OF SELECTMAN UPDATE

November 17, 2014

PUTNAM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PRA)

Community Development Block Grant –2013 – Housing Rehabilitation

The first home for housing rehabilitation (2013) has signed contract with the Contractor.

Municipal Brownfield Pilot Program- Cargill Falls Mill

Due to the vast discrepancy in bids received, permission has been granted by the CT Dept of Economic and Community Development to rebid the project for final hazardous material abatement and demolition. The original bid package included 3 specific Phases of the project: Phase I Base Bid is to complete the abatement and disposal of ACM, universal wastes; PCB's and lead paint specific to interior buildings. It also includes removal of all window sashes found to have asbestos and/or PCB containing glazing compound or sashes with lead paint. Phase II Base Bid is for the removal of all asbestos containing roofing materials. The Demolition Phase is for demolition costs and appropriate disposal. The two bids received were \$672,138 and \$1,921,367.

Former Putnam Foundry

Five bids were received on October 24th with bids being reviewed for compliancy and are also being reviewed by the Environmental Engineer for appropriate removal standards. Bid to be awarded by November 18th.

Providence Streetscape

The Putnam Girl's Volleyball and Soccer Teams spent an afternoon at the close of school to clean up the Pocket Park on the corner of Marshall and Providence Streets. Work will continue with the Providence St Municipal Parking Lot and the Owen Tarr Park garden as time permits.

Revolving Loan Applications

Two applications have been approved with Closing documents being drafted by Town Counsel.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Industrial Park Updates

- Impact Plastics is planning a 6,000 sq ft office space expansion at their existing location. They have received a variance from the ZBA for parking.

CT Trust for Historic Preservation ‘Making Places’ Grant

The Pre-Application has been approved with an invitation to submit a full application due November 15th. This preservation planning opportunity will allow for the property to submit application for the National Register of Historic Places, conduct a building conditions study including structural, MPE condition assessments, architectural study and community outreach conversations for stakeholders and the community at-large regarding the importance of historic mill preservation.

CT Main Street Center Preservation of Place Grant

The Center’s Preservation of Place Grant Program is a technical assistance grant for the purpose of providing CT communities with targeted resources to increase capacity to plan for preservation and revitalization of our historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. The CMSC awards applications that propose actions items of assessment and planning. The Office of Economic and Community Development has received 4 such awards in the past totaling approximately \$40,000. This application will focus on the development and standardization of Design Guidelines for the greater Down Town area as defined by the Visions 20/20 Community Conversations.

Ongoing Projects/Venues/Announcements

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

Putnam Plan of Conservation and Development

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