

BOARD OF SELECTMAN UPDATE

December 15, 2014

PUTNAM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PRA)

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. Conversations with the CT DECD will confirm how to best bid the project. Bid documents will take a 'phased- in' approach with demolition and the asbestos abatement taking first priority.

Former Putnam Foundry

The bid for Demolition and Hazardous Material Abatement has been awarded to J.R. Vinagro of Johnston, R. I. The contractor has been interviewed by CME Assoc. and Eagle Environmental and the Director for compliance in the Bid Documents.

CT Trust for Historic Preservation 'Making Places' Grant

The Trust has awarded \$49,000 to the Town of Putnam Redevelopment Agency. This preservation planning grant will allow for the property to submit application for the National Register of Historic Places, conduct a building conditions study including MPE condition assessments, redevelopment pro-forma scenarios for the Belding-Corticelli Mill as well as community outreach conversations for stakeholders and the community at-large regarding the importance of historic mill preservation. Making Places is a collaborative pilot program of the CT Trust for Historic Preservation with funding from the State Historic Preservation Office, CT DECD through the Community Investment Act.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CT Main Street Center Preservation of Place Grant

We await notification regarding the \$10,000 grant application for Design Standards and Guidelines project for the greater Downtown area.

Industrial Park Updates

Pending Lot sale in negotiations

Putnam Plan of Conservation and Development

Ongoing meetings with Town Planner as well as attendance at the POCD planning meetings... Discussions continue with the Planner regarding the format through the separation of Economic and Community Development from the Redevelopment Agency and their relative focus and mission. Future development plans and business attractions have been discussed using various data bases and census data.

PBA Beautification Committee

The Putnam Business Association has asked if the Director would Chair the Beautification Cmte for the Association. As a liaison for the Town, as well as the Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Depts., discussions will include Streetscape projects, sidewalks, Railroad Trestle project, garden and landscape adoption programs, etc.

Ongoing Projects/Venues/Announcements

CERC Celebrate CT Award - The Director nominated the Putnam Business Association's First Friday Cmte under the Program category for the CT Economic Resource Center Award. The nomination was chosen as one of 10 recipients in the State. Ann Monteiro, Chair of the Committee and me received the award from the CT Dept of Economic and Community Development Commissioner, Catherine Smith at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford on Dec. 1st.

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