

BOARD OF SELECTMAN UPDATE

January 20, 2015

PUTNAM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PRA)

2015 Community Development Block Grant

The Redevelopment Agency will be applying for the 2015 CDBG round for Housing Rehabilitation for \$400,000. We will be able to apply as long as 50% of the 2013 award has been expended by application deadline.

2012 Community Development Block Grant Update

We have been notified by the Dept of Housing that the 2012 Housing Rehabilitation Grant will be audited on January 20th. This is an annual audit.

Municipal Brownfield Pilot Program- Cargill Falls Mill

Bid documents have been sent to the Project Manager at the CT DECD for review.

CT Trust for Historic Preservation 'Making Places' Grant

Request for Proposal documents are being drafted for the Belding-Corticelli Mill conditions study (inventory), conditions planning, pro-forma planning, community outreach and National Register of Historic Places application.

Historic Brownfield Revitalization Program

Awaiting award status (\$300,000) from the interview at the CT DECD offices in Hartford for this pilot program. Should the Town be awarded, Scope of Work would include; Soil and Groundwater Assessment, Hazardous Building Material Survey, Structural Evaluation, and Reuse Planning. Decisions are supposed to be made the week of January 12th.

Former Putnam Foundry

The pre construction meeting was held on January 12th with J.R.Vinagro, CME Associates and I to discuss the Schedule of Performance to include mandated submittals, temporary facility management, hazardous material compliance and demolition. CL&P, WPCA and Yankee Gas will be contacted for termination dates. On site work should begin on/about February 9th.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Trust Fund – a request will be made to be put on the Board of Finance February agenda for funding from the sale of Lot 19 is transferred to the EDTF.

Industrial Park Updates

Impact Plastics has received appropriate approvals for expansion of their facility to include office space. The Zoning Board of Appeals has approved parking requests for fewer spaces than Zoning Regulations require.

PBA Beautification Committee

As Chair of the Beautification Cmte, I have been working with the Cmte on a project to improve the blighted condition of the Providence Worcester Railroad Trestle over Front St. Permanent printed aluminum sheets will be designed with the PWR logo, the Town of Putnam logo and the Putnam Business Assoc. Discover Putnam logo will have a 'Welcoming' message for all. This idea was part of the Signage and Wayfinding program. Discussions regarding shared funding are taking place.

StoryWalk – QVCC Partnership

I have contacted the Arts Dept and the Creative Writing dept to collaborate on a project for the students to produce a written piece of work and illustrations to be showcased on the River Trail StoryWalk. The first project will be to illustrate 'copyright free' publications that already exist.

CT Main Street Center Preservation of Place Grant

The Town has been awarded \$10,000 for Design Standards and Guidelines project for the greater Downtown area. This will continue the momentum of the Visions 2020 community conversations of positive changes by proactive planning. This is the 5th consecutive award from the CT Main Street Center.

Putnam Plan of Conservation and Development

Ongoing meetings with Town Planner as well as attendance at the POCD planning meeting.

Ongoing Projects/Venues/Announcements

Eastern CT Tourism Meetings

Development of the new Putnam Business and Community Guide

First Fridays Cmte