

## **BOARD OF SELECTMAN UPDATE**

**May 18, 2015**

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

#### ***2015 Community Development Block Grant***

The Redevelopment Agency has submitted an Application to the CT Department of Housing. Announcements of award to take place in September.

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

The bids have been received for the abatement and disposal of PCB's and asbestos building materials as well as the demolition of five (5) buildings. The two low bidders were \$372,565 and \$389,800, the high bidder coming in at \$959,750. The bids are being reviewed for compliancy with bidding guidelines and assurance.

#### ***CT Trust for Historic Preservation 'Making Places' Grant***

Request for Proposal has been advertised in the Norwich Bulletin and on the DAS Website. Proposals are due on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.

#### ***Historic Brownfield Revitalization Program***

The Putnam Redevelopment Agency has received a \$300,000 grant from the CT DECD. The projects Scope of Work will include: Soils and Groundwater assessment; hazardous Building Material Survey; Structural Evaluation; and Reuse Planning. The award announcement letter was sent by the CT DECD on December 22, 2014, and we have not yet received an Assistance Agreement to move the project forward.

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

Contract documents have been drafted and signed by the CT DEEP and the Town of Putnam to extend the budget period until December 31, 2015. We are still awaiting the Attorney Generals signature. The Contractor is waiting for the Notice to Proceed once we hear that the contract has been signed off.

#### ***76-80 Main Street***

Speaking with Town leadership regarding the building condition of the property and lack of cooperation from the property owner. Property has been inspected by the Building Official upon the Director's request. Updates to follow.

### ***Provincial House Property***

Meeting with member of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit to offer assistance from the Town's to advocate for an appropriate sale of the property. Discussions took place regarding the importance of the property to the community and recommendation that a marketing analysis be conducted by a commercial realtor with a broader market base.

### ***Incubator Building Update – 48 Industrial Park Rd.***

Lighting upgrades and repairs will take place during the month of May/June based on the savings and recommendation of the energy audit.

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

### ***Economic Development Trust Fund***

No further updates

### ***Quinebaug Regional Technology Park.***

The Director met with a potential client for Lot 3 in the QRTP. A local environmental heating system company seeks property to house Administrative, Design Engineers and testing areas. Until property appraisals are complete, the company's Counsel is seeking information, infrastructural amenities and tax incentives. The Director also met with the Williams Group team to discuss marketing possibilities and planning. Williams Group was part of the QRTP Marketing and Feasibility group under the direction of the BETA Group who did the original work and extremely familiar with the project.

### ***New Website***

The office has expended an inordinate amount of man-hours updating and improving content on the Economic and Community Development and Putnam Redevelopment Agency's Home Pages on the new Town website.

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

- Negotiations regarding the sale of Lot 9 – Sent information to the Town Planner for confirmation regarding the ability to construct an additional accessory structure on the premises. Information is also being confirmed if a sub-surface septic system is acceptable.

### ***PBA Beautification Committee***

Putnam Clean-up Day was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. at Rotary Park with a cook-out held following the event. Approximately 140 volunteers were present with a total of 195 nip bottles collected (mostly in the South Main St area, in case you wanted to know!). The Putnam High School Athletic Teams have adopted the Providence St. Pocket Parks and have raked, weeded, fertilized and mulched these areas. 44 students were on hand to take care of these parks.

### ***CT Main Street Center Preservation of Place Grant***

Request for Proposal is being drafted for the Preservation of Place Design Standards and Guidelines.

### ***Dr. Robert R. Johnston Community Garden***

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, the Community Garden on Smith St. is full with expansion taking place at the end of the season. Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> was our official opening with a 'work' day planned for major clean up after the winter season.

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

- First Fridays
- Riverview Marketplace Rental – 6 events held on Sunday's during the Summer/Fall
- Farmers Market
- Saturday Farmers Market