ACRPC Economic Development Committee
9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022

PRESENT
Member: Ross Conrad
Member: Bob Feuerstein
Member: Joseph Andriano
ACRPC Staff: Andrew L’Roe
ACRPC Staff: Adam Lougee
ACRPC Staff: John Van Hoesen

MINUTES

Call to Order: 9:00am

Introductions

Brownfield Background
A. L’Roe gave a brief background presentation (available here) on Brownfields funding available through the State Brownfields Revitalization Grant Assessment Program and potential additional funding from an EPA Community-Wide Assessment grant with the future works contracted to the Stantec Corporation, which provided assistance with the grant proposal.

To be eligible for State funding, project sites have to be eligible for Vermont’s Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation (BRELLA), if not enrolled. Costs for BRELLA applications $500 and fees are eligible expenses under this grant program and should be included in a project budget if a site is not enrolled.

Eligible project work includes
• Phase I ESA
• Phase II ESA
• Supplemental Assessment
• Site Specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (SSQAPP)
• Hazardous Building Materials Assessment (HBM)
• Evaluation of Corrective Action Alternatives (ECAA)
• Corrective Action Planning Activities (CAP)

Three currently known sites needing Phase I assessment were discussed, including:
  o Ferrisburgh Marina on Otter Creek
  o Middlebury- Maverick Station
  o Vergennes- Opera House/Church
Committee Action

The Brownfields Committee discussed extending the current assessment contract to Stantec, moving ahead with State Brownfields Revitalization Grant Assessment Program funding for the three currently known sites (Ferrisburgh Marina, Middlebury Maverick Station, and Vergennes Opera House).

A Motion was made by R. Conrad, to extend the current assessment contract to Stantec, and move ahead with funding for the three currently known sites

Motion was seconded by B. Feuerstein, and Unanimously Approved

A L’Roe will continue to research potential brownfields sites in Addison County and solicit additional applications for funding through the State Brownfields Revitalization grant. He will inform the committee if the EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant funding is awarded.

The date for the next meeting will be set as needed, with the next meeting in a month- A. L’Roe will send out a scheduling email, with the next meeting tentatively on Thursday, April 28th at 9am.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50am