

Governor Malloy's Southbury Training School Task Force met at Southbury Training School, Moser Library, Southbury, Connecticut, on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

Present: Terry Macy, DDS Commissioner (Co-Chair)
Binu Chandy, DECD Civil Engineer (Representative for Catherine Smith, DECD Commissioner)
Paul Hinsch, OPM Representative for Secretary Barnes
Warren Schilling, P.E., Plant Facilities Engineer 2
Eugene Harvey, STS Director
Ed Edelson, Southbury First Selectman
Hugh Sullivan, Registered Architect, Town of Southbury
Leslie Kane, Business Representative, Town of Southbury
Diana Mennone, STS Guardian

Excused: Ben Barnes, OPM Secretary (Co-Chair)
Steven Reviczky, Department of Agriculture Commissioner

Commissioner Macy opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. with a review of the August 1, 2014 meeting minutes. Ed Edelson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Leslie Kane seconded. All in favor.

The Brownfield Grant pre-project meeting and tour of the Southbury Training School site was held on August 28th for the purpose of identifying how the \$200,000 from the Brownfield Grant and the Division of Construction Services (DCS) abatement funding would be used. The consensus of the group was that the best use of the funding would be to do a broad study of the whole campus to identify environmental hot spots. The group consensus regarding the DCS abatement funding was that regardless of the future use of the buildings, they all would need to be abated of asbestos and that it should start now. The plan is to start abating Thompson Hall and to test the Boy's Village cottages.

A Master Plan is needed so all parties know where they are headed and not duplicating efforts. Knowing future intended use of each building/area is key in identifying what needs to be done to each building as progress moves forward. Also discussed was possible use of part of Roselle School for public use, and the need for an overall project manager who would start making decisions and move the project forward.

Representatives from the Town of Southbury, Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), DCS, Milone & MacBroom, Naugatuck Valley Council of Government (VCOG), and Congresswoman Esty's office were in attendance at the August 28th meeting. Following there was an additional discussion between DECD, the Town and VCOG concerning global options for the future relationship between the Town and State. The representatives from VCOG have been assigned the task of administering the Brownfield Grant. A first draft of the proposed approach to the site, drawn up by VCOG Environmental Planners, was distributed at the Task Force Meeting.

At today's meeting Ed Edelson discussed there is some interest from the community in Roselle as a future Pomperaug Regional Community Center. This could act as an anchor site to promote future development. After touring Roselle, Jim O'Rourke, Executive Director of the Greater Waterbury YMCA, showed interest in pursuing this idea. Binu Chandy recommended Mr. O'Rourke get in touch with Daniel T. Forrest, Director of Arts & Historic Preservation, DECD, for direction in

applying for multiple grants over a period of time for this project, as Roselle is one of the three Crown Jewels identified on the National Register of Historic Places for Southbury Training School's list of Contributing Properties. It was also suggested to present DECD with a proposal for prioritizing the historical structures at STS. An independent meeting with Mr. Forrest is being planned.

Mr. Edelson stressed again the importance of a project/site coordinator as a key issue in going forward. He also suggested the need for another public forum to update the Town on the Task Force's progress since the last town meeting. The Department of Agriculture's plans for the farmland should be kept in mind as it might impact future planning for the main campus. Environmental and historic surveys will ultimately lead the way to future plans.

Meeting adjourned 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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