

**BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT FOCUS GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2021**  
**Gazebo at the Town Green, 7 Waverly Avenue, Portland CT**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Bascom, William Caffrey, Bob Petzold, Bob Wildermuth, Norm Ward, Michael Wrang, Shaun Manning, Kitch Czernicki, April Graves, Susan Fiedler, Howard Rosenbaum, Malcolm Beeler. Town Staff: Susan Bransfield – 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Jim Tripp– Board of Selectmen, Mary Dickerson – Economic Development/Planning.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Petzold at 6:03pm.

**AGENDA:** Shaun Manning made a **MOTION** to accept the agenda, seconded by Don Bascom. Vote was unanimous, MOTION carried.

**MINUTES:** Kitch Czernicki made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting, seconded by Bob Wildermuth. Vote was unanimous, MOTION carried.

**DISCUSSION:** Malcolm Beeler was introduced as a new member of the Focus Group.

Mary Dickerson reviewed the information provided by Nicholas Granata, LEP of Tighe & Bond that was summarized in her memorandum dated May 25, 2021:

- Tank removal was completed on January 20, 2021, residual paint chips, were left on the site as a result of the tank removal. The cleanup of the paint chips will be added to the RAP.
- Tighe & Bond will complete permitting for NDDb, Wetlands, and Flood Management.
- The RAP will be submitted to DEEP the week of May 24, 2021.
- A Brownfields Investigation Plan and Remediation Schedule was submitted to DEEP on April 5, 2021. As a result DEEP issued REM ID's as follows – 222 Brownstone Avenue #14227, 230 Brownstone Avenue #14228, and 248 Brownstone Avenue #14299.

Susan Bransfield and Jim Tripp left the meeting at 6:20pm

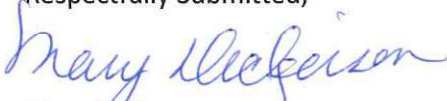
Chairman Petzold initiated a group discussion regarding next steps. The group will revisit the Site Use Survey post covid to see if there are any additional uses to be included or any uses that no longer appear viable.

A number of members noted that many towns in the region have completed riverfront redevelopment projects. It was noted that visiting these towns completed projects is important as Portland creates a vision for their riverfront. Mary Dickerson stated that she will pursue a Visioning Grant to help prepare for the RFP for development.

It was noted that working with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) and the Chamber of Commerce will be important as we move from the cleanup phase into the redevelopment phase.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Norm Ward made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:03pm, seconded by Bob Wildermuth. Vote was unanimous, MOTION carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Dickerson

Acting Meeting Clerk