

Norton Park Committee
August 8, 2023 - Regular Meeting
Senior Center - 98 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Robert Misbach, Kevin Byrne, Patrick Reading, Andrew Norton. Alternate Linda Pasternak.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Juliana Cameron.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 pm. L. Pasternak was seated to establish a quorum.

2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes of Julne will be on the September agenda for approval. There was no meeting in July.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

5. BOS LIAISON/JAY GIGLIOTTI REPORT

J. Gigliotti provided a report. See attached.

After a review of the report, discussion followed of a possible revision to the plans as a plan to make ta portion of the project usable and open to the public. The grants are not coming through as hoped and the project has been delayed due to the high cost of remediation and this revision may help move the project along.

P. Reading will bring new plans to the next meeting for review.

6. FUNDRAISING

No report at this time.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: L. Pasternak
to adjourn.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Abstaining: A. Norton
All others: In favor.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

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Norton Park

From: Jay Gigliotti
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 10:03 PM
To: Norton Park
Cc: Deborah Bates; Demian Sorrentino
Subject: Norton Park Project Update

Hi Rob,

I heard from Demian, the Town Planner and unfortunately, he will not be able to make the meeting. If we can move to a Monday next month, I will be sure to make it. See below and please share with committee:

After being unsuccessful in the round 17 application, we began to look at other potential funding opportunities and how to proceed with limited scope of remediation. We also evaluated the scope of the limited vs complete remediation, to see if there was anyway to make the project more affordable or if there was other ways to move it forward. Unfortunately, we keep getting back to the same high transportation costs that have now been consistently impacting this project.

The Town Planner and I met with Langan and discussed the path forward, relating to limited scope. A Flood Management Certificate (FMC) is required for any of the remediation work because it occurs within the flood zone. We previously discussed utilizing the DECD General Permit for the FMC, however because we will not be able to utilize the General Permit for the complete scope of the remediation, Langan is looking at what it is going to take to prepare an FMC for the whole project. There would be a lot of redundant work and tasks if we did the FMCs separately (1 for limited scope and 1 for remaining remediation), resulting in additional fees. Regardless, we will need to provide local approvals for either the General Permit or full FMC, a step we are currently working on. The Planner and will have another meeting to follow up in the next week or so.

Regarding other funding opportunities, DECD announced Round 18 recently, with a due date at the end of September. At this point, it seems likely we will submit an application, as we can easily prepare it utilizing the Round 17 application as a template. We will need a revised cost estimate, but otherwise, the application should be fairly similar. BOS approval will be needed to submit an application.

The Town Planner and I have had separate conversations with Mark Decaprio regarding the project. Mark has expressed interest in helping the project move forward. He is exploring other funding options at the state level and will provide written support with the next application.

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

Best,

Jay

Jay Gigliotti

Norton Park

From: Demian Sorrentino
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 4:19 PM
To: Jay Gigliotti; Norton Park
Cc: Deborah Bates
Subject: RE: Norton Park Project Update

Thanks Jay and Hello Norton Park Committee members-

Apologies that I cannot attend the meeting this evening, but I wanted to add to Jay's email that I am currently working with UCONN's Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB) Program to identify and prioritize all known and potential brownfields in Colchester into a formalized Brownfield Inventory.

Norton Mill is expected to be identified as the #1 priority in this inventory, which as I understand may open up some additional sources for remediation funding.

I will also be working with the Southeastern CT Council of Governments (SCCOG) in the coming months to join a regional US EPA Brownfield Grant Application for which we will attempt to obtain remediation funds for Norton Mill.

As Jay mentioned, Round 18 of CT DECD's Municipal Brownfield grant program was just announced and Representative DeCaprio may be able to source some financial assistance for remediation.

We are widening our search for available funding options and trying to find a win, hopefully we can bring one home.

Have a good meeting.

Thanks & Regards-

Demian

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