

# **Regional Brownfields Partnership of West Central CT**

c/o VCOG, Main St., RR Station, Derby, CT 06418

## ***Annual Meeting***

### **Regional Brownfields Partnership**

(in combination with the Naugatuck  
Valley Corridor CEDS Summit)

Thursday, June 12, 2008 - 8:00 a.m.

at

UCONN Waterbury Branch

99 East Main St., Wtby.

(directions attached)

## ***Agenda***

**Welcoming Remarks** – Rick Dunne, Executive Director, Valley Council of Governments

### **Business Portion** –

1. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2007 and Sept. 20, 2007 RBP Meetings
2. Report of Nominating Committee/Election of Officers – Robyn Bugbee (Att.)
3. Financial Report (Handout)
4. Project Report-Annual Highlights – Arthur Bogen
5. Update re: Next RBP Quarterly Meeting – Sept. 11, 2008  
Guest Speaker: Jacques Gilbert, DEP will give a presentation on  
the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program

**Minutes of Annual Meeting**  
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**RBP Representatives Present:** Beth Lynch, Ansonia; Susan Cable, proxy for Edward Jurzynski, Beacon Falls; Sheila O'Malley, Derby; Wayne McAllister, Naugatuck; Nancy Onofrio, proxy for Ron Skurat, Seymour; James Ryan, Shelton; Roy Cavanaugh, Watertown; Karen Spargo, NVHD, VCOG; Sam Gold, COGCNV; Jill Harris, CCRPA; Jeff Rouleau, Waterbury Chamber; Amanda Freund, Rep. DeLauro's Office; Ken Curran, Rep. Murphy's Office; Tim Carr, GeoDesign; Robert Halgreen, proxy for Carol Burkhardt-Lyons, NVP.

**Others Present:** Arthur Bogen, Rick Dunne, Jan Jadach, VCOG Staff; Mayor James Della Volpe, Ansonia; Frank Moore, The Workplace, Inc.; Keith Shortsleeve, LBG; Neil Thurber, Metcalf & Eddy; Leo Frank, WDC; Dan Hageman, BL Companies; Herman Schuler, Oxford; Emily Freund, Rep. DeLauro's Office; John Famiglietti, Drubner Industries; Dave Prendergast, Naugatuck Ec. Dev. Corp.; Cynthia Petruzzello, CT Dev. Authority; Gary O'Connor, Pepe & Hazard; Joe Perrelli, COGCNV; Graham Stevens, CTDEP; Elizabeth Stocker, Newtown; Lou Torelli, Peter Burns, DeCarlo & Doll; State Rep. Gary Berger; John Yeager, Birmingham Group.

**Welcoming Remarks:** Rick Dunne, VCOG Executive Director, welcomed everyone to this RBP annual meeting, which is being held in conjunction with the NVC CEDS Summit. He noted that the RBP has had a challenging two years. We have not been as successful in obtaining funding as we had been in the past and have reviewed our past two applications to determine why. In the past, EPA has encouraged us to apply for funding as a pool and to award individual sites as the need arose. We are reviewing guidelines from EPA. Our intention is to solicit specific sites from our RBP region in the next few months so that we can create one application with specific sites to submit to EPA. It will still be assessment funds but it will be site specific. Rick summed up his remarks by encouraging the RBP municipalities to start looking at what sites they would like to submit to be included in this application.

Roy Cavanaugh, RBP Chairman, then took over for the business portion of the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was said and then introductions took place.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2007 and September 20, 2007 meetings.

**Motion:** by Jim Ryan; – To accept the minutes of 6/14/07 and 9/20/07 as presented.  
**Second:** Susan Cable; **Vote:** Unanimous

**Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers:** Since Robyn Bugbee could not be present, Vice-Chair Sheila O'Malley presented the slate of officers that had been voted on at the Nominating Committee meeting last month. She said there were three letters of nomination presented to the Nominating Committee: one from Roy Cavanaugh for Chairman; one from CCRPA for Robyn Bugbee to serve as Secretary/Treasurer and

one from Mayor Staffieri of Derby nominating Sheila O'Malley for another term as Vice-Chairman. The Chairman then asked three times if there were any nominations from the floor. Their being none, the Chairman then asked for a vote on the recommended slate of officers. The vote was unanimous in favor of the slate of officers as presented.

**Financial Report:** Rick Dunne indicated that the report covers the two main EPA grants. He noted that we are almost fully expended in our EPA grants, except for the projects we are committed to doing at this time. There were no questions regarding the financial report.

**Annual Project Report:** Arthur Bogen began by informing those present that we do have some money available for loan projects through DECD, so if anyone has a project that is viable, they should contact RBP staff. Arthur then discussed a few projects. He mentioned Cook Industrial in Ansonia. With strong advocacy from Mayor Della Volpe and cooperation from the owner, we have a site that has been approved for a grant from DEP for cleanup. This is a 100+ yr. old site and has added 35 jobs to the region. We have an eligibility determination in with EPA to see if it will qualify for a BRLF loan. This is a complete cycle site.

Arthur indicated that our application to the Housatonic Restoration Fund is a finalist for O'Sullivan's Island in Derby. This is for \$365,000 in grant money for enhancements on the site such as an expanded greenway walk and a fishing pier for the disabled, to name a few. The decision should come at the end of the summer. He noted that we have on-going projects in Bristol and Plymouth as well as in Watertown. We also sponsored a sustainable practices tour of sites in New Haven which was sponsored by United Illuminating Co. The tour included a green roof installation and a fuel cell and photovoltaic installation. Arthur continued that we also had a session on low impact design and how to incorporate that into brownfields. He also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a session on LID organized by Housatonic Valley Association. We also have coming up the session on the leaking underground storage tank program in September. Municipalities will be encouraged to participate. This program qualifies as something the RBP can help the towns with. The guest speaker for that meeting, Jacques Gilbert of DEP, is up-to-date on all recent changes to that program. There is money there and a process that is clear. If you have old gas stations, bus terminals, cab companies, etc., they could all be eligible for getting assessment and cleanup reimbursement to your communities. He urged anyone interested in this program to attend the RBP meeting on Sept. 11.

Chairman Cavanaugh then reiterated that the next RBP meeting will take place on Thursday, Sept. 11. He then brought to a close the business portion of the RBP meeting by requesting a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Susan Cable, seconded by Jim Ryan. Unanimous. The RBP meeting ended at 8:35 a.m.