

**Regional Brownfields Partnership of  
West Central CT**  
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***Meeting Notice***

**Regional Brownfields Partnership**

Thursday, July 9, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.

at

Waterbury Regional Chamber  
83 Bank Street, Wtby.  
(directions attached)

***Agenda***

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

**Business Portion** – Roy Cavanaugh, RBP Chairman

1. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2009 RBP Meeting (Handout)
2. Financial Report (Handout)
3. Project Report/Update on Grant and Loan Funds – Arthur Bogen (Handout)

**Workshop** –

2:15 – Talk by John Collins Ph.D., President and CEO, VeruTEK This CT-based company indicates it has processes to “remedy coal tar, chlorinated solvents, fuels and metals in the environment – faster, better, greener.”  
Q & A

2:45 – Panel Discussion: Issues in Brownfields Redevelopment

Panel members:

- Sheila O’Malley, Director of Economic & Community Development, Derby
- Robyn Bugbee, Grants Administrator, Bristol
- Rose Ponte, Director of Economic Development, Torrington
- Kevin Taylor, Senior Project Manager, Waterbury Development Corporation

Q & A

3:30 – Adjourn

**Minutes of Meeting**  
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**RBP Representatives Present:** Robyn Bugbee, Bristol; Sheila O'Malley, Derby; Wayne McAllister, Naugatuck; Dick Eigen, Newtown; Khara Dodds, Plymouth; Louis Perillo, Southington; Kevin Taylor, Waterbury; Roy Cavanaugh, Watertown; Karen Spargo, NVHD, VCOG; Sam Gold, COGCNV; Jeff Rouleau, Waterbury Chamber; Tim Carr, GeoDesign; Robert Halgreen, NVP; (Rick Dunne as proxy for James Ryan, Shelton);

**Others Present:** Rick Dunne, Arthur Bogen, Jan Jadach, VCOG Staff; John Collins, VeruTEK; Lynn Ward, Waterbury Chamber; Tony Lorenzetti, Plymouth; Rose Ponte, City of Torrington; Doug Parker, NWCTEDC; JoAnn Ryan, NWCT Chamber; Brian Cutler and David Fioreck, Loureiro Engineering; Keith Shortsleeve, LBG; Aaron Silva, BL Companies; J.P. Nealon, Panuzio & Giordano.

**Welcoming Remarks:** Rick Dunne, VCOG Executive Director, welcomed everyone to this quarterly RBP meeting and asked that all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then gave a few brief remarks. He talked about Brownfields EPA funding and the competition for funds. He indicated that our Revolving Loan Fund with transition has about \$700,000 available to loan and encouraged towns to send projects for the RLF.

Roy Cavanaugh, RBP Chairman, then took over for the business portion of the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and announced that there was a quorum so it is an official meeting. He then asked that all introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting.

**Motion:** by Robyn Bugbee; – To accept the minutes of 9/11/08 as presented. **Second:** Sam Gold; **Vote:** Unanimous

**Financial Report:** Robyn Bugbee, RBP Treasurer, presented the financial report and gave a brief explanation, indicating that all Hazardous Materials and Petroleum funds are encumbered. A couple of projects are still ongoing and will be closed out shortly. There were no questions regarding the financial report.

**Motion:** by Robyn Bugbee; – To accept the Financial Report as presented. **Second:** Dick Eigen; **Vote:** Unanimous

**Project Report:** Arthur Bogen began by informing those present that there is a copy of his project update in the handout. He noted that we are wrapping some projects up in Derby and Bristol. He informed them that we still have money available for assessments in the form of loans in our DECD fund. He said that we will apply for another round of assessment funding in August. Under clean-up projects, Arthur indicated that we have approximately \$700,000 available that we can loan at 1%. The important value of this is that banks don't want to loan to "dirty" properties. This funding occupies a very important place in developing a site. Arthur then indicated that anyone with questions should give him a call.

Motion: by Sheila O'Malley; – To accept the Project Report as presented. Second: Robyn Bugbee; Vote: Unanimous

**Presentation by John Collins, PH.D, President and CEO, VeruTEK**: Arthur Bogen introduced John Collins who discussed alternative ways to clean up a site. Dr. Collins gave a power point presentation, noting that VeruTEK is one of the leaders in development of environmental technology. They design site specific solutions for every problem, utilizing their own research and development lab. He discussed the various remediation technology platforms they use which are very cost-effective. A brief question and answer period followed, after which Arthur thanked Dr. Collins for his very informative presentation.

**Panel Discussion**: Arthur Bogen introduced the panel members who would be discussing issues in Brownfields Redevelopment. They are: Sheila O'Malley, Director of Economic and Community Development, Derby; Robyn Bugbee, Grants Administrator, Bristol; Rose Ponte, Director of Economic Development, Torrington; Kevin Taylor, Senior Project Manager, Waterbury Development Corporation. The panel members discussed items such as the challenges they face in Brownfields redevelopment, the resources they need more of to succeed, and what developers say is their greatest need. The panelists said that time constraints, fear of liability and finding an end user were some of the challenges they face. As far as resources they need more of, they were remediation money, finding supplemental funds, access to environmental attorneys, and marketing and administration of the program. The panelists thought that developers needed easier access to the municipal process which they generally find complex, cumbersome and time-consuming. Also mentioned was the issue of property owners preferring to use their own environmental consultant. It was the consensus that CT is a difficult state in which to do business. Developers want site-ready parcels. There was a question and answer period after which Arthur thanked the panelists for their participation.

At this time, Rick Dunne briefly addressed the group, informing them that since this has been a difficult year, there has been no increase in the \$800 dues requested from the RBP member municipalities. Also, he once again encouraged members to contact staff about sites as we do have access to funds.

Chairman Cavanaugh noted that there is very knowledgeable and capable help available so anyone with questions or sites should feel free to reach out. He thanked the panel members for their interesting discussion and indicated that the next RBP meeting would be scheduled for October. He then brought the RBP meeting to a close by requesting a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Sheila O'Malley, seconded by Robyn Bugbee. Unanimous. The RBP meeting ended at 3:40 p.m.