

Northern Maine Brownfield Steering Committee Meeting
October 9, 2008
Caribou Inn and Convention Center
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Attendees

Barbara Pitcairn, Skip Babineau, C.P. Harris, Jerry McAvaddy, Craig Staples, Jeff Packard, Nate Hersey, Jay Kamm, Denis Berube, Connie Bondeson

I. Welcome and Introductions

This month's meeting was held at the Caribou Inn and Convention Center. The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

II. Review of Minutes of the August 21, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of the August 21, 2008, meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by C.P. Harris and seconded by Craig Staples. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Phase I/II ESAs updates

Nate Hersey from CEE updated the group with status of the Phase I and Phase II ESAs:

- Six Phase I ESAs have been undertaken to date and four reports are completed. They are: Rod Service Center in Bridgewater, RLC (Northern Enterprises A.K.A Polar Lights) in Fort Kent, Steve's Cycle and Marine in Fort Kent, Mapleton Auto Repair and Sales (A.K.A. MARS) in Mapleton, Annex Fuels in Fort Fairfield, and J.J.Paradis in Van Buren. Annex Fuels and J.J.Paradis reports have not been written, but site visits are completed.
- As far as Phase II ESAs, a site specific QAPP approved by EPA, and CEE completed the actual Phase II fieldwork at Steve Cycles and Marine in Fort Kent.
- The next Phase II ESA we have planned is for Mapleton Auto and Repair and Sales. Hopefully a site specific QAPP will be approved by EPA relatively soon. Phase II work at this site is tentatively scheduled for November to early December.

IV. New Sites

The below sites were suggested by the committee, which need more background research to determine if they should be nominated for inclusion in to the Brownfield program.

- Fort Kent Auto Body in Fort Kent, on Pleasant Avenue.
- Another site is in Ashland, right across from the bridge.

- In Island Falls, Ryan's Garage. It is located just before getting into Island Falls on the left and is sitting empty.

V. Public Participation

Will do another media blitz to try and pique the public's interest to get a few more new sites nominated for review. Over the next three to four months, we plan on doing a press release about the recent Phase I and Phase II work has been completed to date. We also want to send the presses release to the local banks, realtors, and towns so they are aware of the program as well.

VI. Timeline for Fall/Winter

We anticipated about three to four more steering committee meetings for 2009.

VII. 2009 Brownfield Application for Hazardous Materials and Petroleum Products

Last year, there were roughly 825 Brownfield application, which they funded 230. We are applying for \$400,000 for Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Products Assessment Grant. Essentially would be a continuation of the current Brownfield program that we have in place, but the grant would allow us to perform assessments on properties that contain hazardous products as well as petroleum products. Applications are due November 14, 2008.

In addition, the Business Finance Department at NMDC is also putting together a Revolving Loan application for \$1 million dollars to be used as a revolving loan fund which provides low-interest loans to property owners to be used for clean-up purposes.

VIII. Membership Drive

As we stated before, there will be three to four meetings in 2009. If you are not interested, or unable to remain on the Brownfield Steering Committee for the remainder of 2009, please let Jay or Connie know.

V. Adjournment/Next meeting

The next meeting will be held February 12, 2009, at the Caribou Inn and Convention Center from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Lunch will be served. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pitcairn
Secretary

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