

**Northern Maine Brownfield Steering Committee Meeting**  
**June 19, 2008**  
**NMDC Board Room**  
**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Attendees**

C.P. Harris , Jeff Packard, Barbara Pitcairn, Wade Hanson, Frank Wezner, Brian Beneski, Nate Hersey, Jay Kamm , Connie Bondeson, Denis Berube, Steve Chase

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

This month's meeting was held at the Northern Maine Development Commission. Attendees introduced themselves and the meeting started at 10:00.

**II. Review of Minutes of the April 10, 2008 Meeting**

The minutes were not reviewed due to the lack of a quorum.

**Site Owner Agreement/Photo Release**

Recently developed a Site Owner Agreement and Photo Release. The Site Owner Agreement was originally developed at Androscoggin Valley Council of Government, located in the Auburn area and essentially a very similar organization like NMDC. AVCOG is currently working on a Hazardous Substance Grant with EPA, and AVCOG uses this Site Owner Agreement for properties in their program. We modified the agreement a bit to reflect NMDC's Petroleum Products Grant, the Brownfield Program and our Consultants concerns, then sent it to the lawyer's office for review. In addition, the Site Owner Agreement, a Photo Release was developed, which allows us to photograph a property and / or use the photo in electronic form. This Site Owner Agreement / Photo Release will be given to the property owners that are participating in the Brownfields Program.

**Site Review**

We are currently working on getting in contact with the four property owners that were nominated for the Phase Is. At the April meeting we determined what our four "A" site would be, and have done preliminary work on them. The Sites are located in Bridgewater, St. Agatha and two sites in Fort Kent. Have started the Phase Is on both Fort Kent Properties. Both have petroleum contamination. We hope to have drafts done in the next couple of weeks.

Next, wanted to talk about other suggested sites that we have come across the past few weeks. Briefly, the Herschel Street in Caribou, Annex Fuel in Fort Fairfield, and Kevin Elnicki on

Limestone Street, which we have already reviewed, but the properly owner recently had expressed some interest in participating in the program.

Hershel Street Market is in downtown Caribou and there were petroleum issues in that area. The Caribou Office Park, which is down gradient of the Hershel Street Market, had petroleum issues. At one time there was a gas station on the corner near these buildings.

Annex Fuels, located on the corner in downtown Fort Fairfield. In 1996, CEE did underground storage tank removal there, and it was highly contaminated and no remediation was done. We do not know if we have the two steps needed. Currently, not in use and has not been in use for a while.

Lewis Cousins, the Code Enforcement Officer for Mapleton, Chapman and Castle Hill has contacted us about a three potential sites in the communities that he serves- a town lot that belongs to Castle Hill, a town property belonging to Mapleton, and a former auto junk yard. Will touch base with him and gather more information about the properties. No forms have been filled out in regards to the above mentioned properties; we are just discussing what was brought to the committee over the past month.

One more site to talk about. A site in Van Buren located on Route 1. The Old J.J. Paradis Company in Van Buren was an oil company and shut down. It was a bulk plant about 50 years ago.

Brian Beneski, from the DEP, briefed the Committee on Liability and Eligibility Issues. **Note:** located in the Brownfield Binders is a Petroleum Assessment Grant Site Eligibility Flow Chart which outlines the edibility process and make site eligibility section much easier to understand.

This grant (NMDC's) is Petroleum only and has more restrictions to it. Must have petroleum only issues cannot do assessment work on properties that are currently owned by the viable party. They must be two steps away.

### **Next Meeting**

The Next Northern Maine Brownfield Steering Committee meeting will be held on August 21<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m -12 p.m. at the Caribou Inn and Convention Center. Lunch will be served.