Community Development Committee  
Minutes from meeting: 13 March 2014  
Location: WRC Conference Room

Committee present: Lynn Barrett, Alice Maes, Gretchen Haverluk, Roger Turner, Edie Mas and Jane Morano Purdy  
Staff present: Susan McMahon and Kim Smith

Called to order 4:05 pm

1. **Introductions/Minutes Approval**  
The minutes of the 9th of January 2014 were approved.

2. **Update on Village Revitalization Planning**  
S. McMahon updated the Committee on the work WRC has been providing on village revitalization. The work is funded through an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Recovery grant, which provides assistance for 20 villages in Windham and Bennington Counties. Susan handed out examples of village revitalization plans that have been drafted to date (Jacksonville and Readsboro) and explained that 5 have been completed and staff is currently working with other communities on village revitalization planning. She discussed that the village/downtown revitalization series of 6 workshops has been completed with good attendance throughout southern Vermont. To finalize this project a village/downtown celebration is being schedule for June 12th in the Deerfield Valley.

3. **Building Our Forest Economy Working Group – Update**  
S. McMahon discussed that staff has begun working with a group on enhancing the forest economy.

4. **Update and Announcements in Topic Areas**
   - **Brownfields:** S. McMahon discussed that she has begun working with the Brattleboro Area Farmers Market on their recently purchased site (former gas station). A loan/grant for agreement brownfields clean up is being prepared for DVTA for their new facility. A grant agreement for Main Street Arts is also in process. Both agreement should be signed in April
   - **Housing**
   - **Cultural and Historic:** S. McMahon handed out a flier on the May 2nd Preservation Trust of Vermont conference.
   - **Infrastructure**
☐ Recreation
☐ Economic/Community Development: The CEDS has been approved and has been sent to EDA.
☐ Education
☐ Human Services: S. McMahon discussed that Chris Campany is working on an annual conference on poverty to honor Melinda Bussino. The Committee discussed that they would like to help with this conference.

5. Other Business/Next Meeting
Next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2014 (meeting was canceled). Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.