Community Development Committee
Minutes from meeting: 6 September 2012
Location: WRC Conference Room

Committee present: Norm Wright (chair), Edie Mas, Roger Turner, Emily Kunreuther, Jenepher Burnell, Jane Morano Purdy and Lynn Barrett
Staff present: Susan McMahon

Called to order 4:05 pm

1. **Introductions/Minutes Approval**
The minutes of 21 June 2012 were approved as written.

2. **Discussion about Community Development Committee priorities**
The Committee discussed the following possible priorities:
   - Regional Plan review
   - Agriculture and Economic Development
   - Recovery from Tropical Storm Irene
   - Village redevelopment
   - Affordable Housing

The Committee discussed the following possible topics for upcoming meetings:
   - Community Based Enterprises – Ask Paul Bruhn and/or Ann Cousins (Preservation Trust of Vermont) to come to a meeting and discuss statewide examples and national perspective
   - Knowledge Corridor (rail) project – Ask Matt Mann to come to a meeting and give an update
   - Solar to help make farms viable

N. Wright suggested that the Committee’s Purpose and Objective statement be recirculated.

3. **Community Development – Tropical Storm Irene**
   - *Status of Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Recovery Grant application*
   
   S. McMahon explained that EDA contacted WRC and told them that the project “merits further consideration” and to submit additional information by the 7th of September. EDA requested that the project increase its budget by $140,000.
• **Status CDBG Disaster Recovery**
  S. McMahon discussed that grant training will be held in Williamsville on September 13, 2012.

• **National Endowment for the Arts Grant – Jamaica**
  S. McMahon discussed that Windham Regional Commission submitted a grant to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to work with the Town of Jamaica, Center for Creative Solutions and Marlboro College on the development of a regenerative design for a park.

4. **Update and Announcements in Topic Areas**
   - **Brownfields:**
     - Will be applying for additional assessment funding in upcoming grant round.
   - **Housing**
   - **Cultural and Historic**
   - **Infrastructure**
   - **Recreation**
   - **Economic/Community Development:**
     - Southeaster Vermont Economic Development Strategy will be holding their annual meeting on September 13th in Bellows Falls.
     - National Renewal Energy Lab (NREL) meetings for the Putney Basketville site are going well (9/5-9/6). There will be a final meeting with NREL staff and WRC Community Development, Energy and Brownfields Committees at the Putney Fire Station on 9/6 at 7:00 p.m.
   - **Education**
   - **Human Services**

5. **Other Business/Next Meeting**
   - 11th of October (meeting moved to 30th of October) and Committee would like staff to invite Paul Bruhn and/or Ann Cousins to discuss community based enterprises.
   - Moved to adjourn, 5:15