

**BORDERLANDS  
VILLAGE INNOVATION  
PILOT TEAM MEETING**

**Killingly Public Library, Community Room  
Westcott Road  
July 23, 2009, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Ed Eramian, Virge Lorents and Donna Bronwell

Staff Present: Linda Walden  
Also Peter Flinker of Dodson Associates

Elsie Bisset, Sue Westa and Janice Thurlow were absent with notification.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.

It was decided to delay consideration of the minutes until the next meeting.

Peter Flinker was present to discuss work items for the next phase. Linda Walden explained the work plan to date as she knows it. She has met with Middle School teachers and their water unit can tie into the Borderlands focus and the team's interest in water access. She had made suggestions as to how to alter parts of the school's program from last year's grant and the teachers were in agreement and added their own ideas also. Only direct tie-ins will be funded and the teachers were advised to speak to Elsie Bisset for suggestions for corporate sponsorship of the rest of the unit. The second part of the work plan focuses on CommunityVIZ software and staff training. Linda Walden explained the regional event planned as part of the training. Sue Westa was checking with a retired GIS professor if he could participate. For the third part of the work plan, Linda Walden reviewed suggestions from last month's minutes for Peter – gateway to Killingly design, infill design, commercial design standards, overall corridor master concept from the church event and UCONN students, etc. She said there should be roughly \$3000 remaining from the proposed Orton Family Foundation \$10,000 donation but she does not know if that is the entire budget or not. . She also knows Sue Westa is preparing a report for the fall and Sue and Peter's work shouldn't overlap. We'll need to consult Sue when she returns from vacation

Peter Flinker gave examples of other projects he has done including Groton, MA center at Depot Street as an example of form-based zoning. Other projects included Oxford, MA SWOT analysis with public workshops and Branch Village Master Plan in North Smithfield, RI for a village center from an industrial complex.

Linda Walden suggested several areas: Upper Maple Street to the railroad which includes Pryn Mill for a western gateway; railroad to Killingly Commons to include the Dayville Historic area; Dayville Four Corners and the GC acreage that she believes will attract attention when the economy recovers and which needs design guidelines. Ed Eramian agreed with Linda on the GC area and the ability to control design. Peter Flinker discussed lifestyle centers which become destination in themselves with Mashpee Commons and Evergreen as examples. But is there a similar market for this location? He said that if budget money is an issue, he can take existing

student plans and the workshop ideas and combine them into an overall master plan for the corridor. He will contact Sue Westa or Orton directly and get back to us on that.

Ed Eramian updated the team on the paddles. Friday's paddle is on the Quinebaug from Putnam south. Wauregan Reservoir is the 31<sup>st</sup>. The August 7<sup>th</sup> paddle will begin at the Brooklyn boat launch and go up the Quinebaug, with other events scheduled for August 15 and 22. He needs cooperation from Rogers to portage their dam. Also, an issue for use of Old Killingly Pond as a paddle site is the presence of town no parking signs. Virge Lorents mentioned the RI Canoe and Kayak Association.

Linda Walden said that Kevin Essington arranged a visit from Conservation Law Foundation to Borderlands next week. She and Elsie will be on vacation but the visit cannot be rescheduled because of the schedule of one of the visitors so they will go to Exeter. Trish Jedele of CLF is interested in hydropower opportunities and there will be another meeting with her on August 5 if anyone is interested. Ed Eramian is interested but also has a commitment to plan for the September 12 River Clean-up. He said Eric Rumsey has registered the clean-up with the American Rivers Association and they will keep a log of what is removed. He also mentioned the Boots n Boats Walktober event on October 11.

Linda Walden said the agreement with Orton should be before the Council in August and the Team wants a presentation to go over the council cable broadcast to draw attention to Borderlands. If anyone has photos, please get them to her. Virge Lorents will send some to Eric Rumsey

- **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is **Thursday, August 27, 2009 at the library at 7 PM.**

Adjournment - At 9:20 PM upon a motion by Virge Lorents, seconded by Ed Eramian - unanimous

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Walden  
Recording Clerk