

## **Salem Power Plant Revitalization Task Force Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 19, 2012

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

One Winter Street, Boston MA 02108

### **Members in Attendance:**

Secretary Richard K. Sullivan	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Chair
Michael Knapik	Massachusetts Senate
Ron Gerwatowoski	Deputy General Counsel, National Grid
Paul Stakutis	Designee, Attorney General Martha Coakley
James Simpson	Business Manager/Financial Secretary, IBEW Local 326
John Keenan	Massachusetts House of Representatives
Kimberly Driscoll	Mayor, City of Salem
Ken Kimmel	Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection
Marty Jones	President and CEO, MassDevelopment

### **Others in Attendance:**

Sean Navin	EEA
Chris Eicher	Committee on Telecomm, Utilities and Energy
Liam Holland	Committee on Telecomm, Utilities and Energy
Gary Moran	MassDEP
Eric Worrall	MassDEP
Barbara Kates-Garnick	EEA
Gary Davis	EEA
Dan Burgess	EEA
Steven Clarke	EEA
Andrew Greene	DPU
Grace Harrington	Rep. Keenan's Office
George Chapman	Committee on Telecomm, Utilities and Energy
Marty Nastasia	Brown Rudnick
Jim Buckley	EFSB
Zach Donah	Sen. Knapik's Office
Sandra Call	AGO
Charles Burnham	NGA
Sandi Hannequin	NEPGA
John Beling	AGO
Bob Shez	EFSB
Barbara Shapiro	EFSB
Melissa Shahr	EFSB
Elizabeth Mahoney	DOER
Victoria Maguire	EOHED
Erica Kreuter	EOHED
Lynn Duncan	Salem
Kathy Winn	Salem
Ed Starzec	Mass Development
Lee Smith	Mass Development
Lynn Montaque	HOU

**Members Absent:**

Rebecca Sullivan	Designee, MassDevelopment
Dan Dolan	President, New England Power Generators Association
Gregory Bialecki	Secretary of Housing and Economic Development

**Background**

Secretary Sullivan indicated that the agencies within Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) have scoped out their responsibilities. The Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) now has the Footprint case. Footprint proposes to remediate the entire site to a marine/industrial standard although development plans are not yet set. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has informed EEA that Footprint, as the potentially responsible party, has hired a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) to perform a site evaluation. The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) have also been part of the meetings.

In addition, EEA has met with National Grid, which provided a history of the site and confirmed they are currently in communication with Footprint. EEA has also met with Rep. Keenan's staff to go over scheduling and to scope out responsibilities and to ensure that we are on the same page as to a final work product.

**Meeting Agenda**

Welcome from Secretary Sullivan  
Mayor Driscoll and her team presented their development vision for the site  
DEP and EFSB described their roles

**Redevelopment Plans**

Mayor Driscoll and her team highlighted the importance of using the plant revitalization as a transformative opportunity that will open the area for the public by building out public space for residents and visitors, without drawing too much away from the center of town. The Mayor emphasized the need to capitalize on the waterfront property as there is great potential for mixed-used development as well as wind and solar power. As the Plant is the largest tax payer in the city, the Mayor stressed the importance of a streamlined transition throughout the development phases for the public.

Secretary Sullivan stressed the importance of giving the site to the City of Salem for redevelopment, clean-up, and remediation to ensure a smooth transition throughout the development phases.

**Subcommittees**

Secretary Sullivan acknowledged the importance of scheduling. He concluded that the Salem Task Force will be sending out the dates for the subcommittee meetings, which he suggested should be twice a month for each subcommittee (the committees are as follows: Clean up and Site Remediation; Site Redevelopment; Coal Plant Decommissioning). Secretary Sullivan stressed that while this schedule may seem intense, it is essential to focus on accomplishing work products.