

***Town of New Fairfield
Board of Selectmen
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812***

**MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Thursday, January 10, 2013
7:00 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37**

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Dr. Lisa Low, Grants Administrator

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Small Cities Grant Application

First Selectman John Hodge read the Public Notice regarding the Public Hearing which noted that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to obtain citizen's views on this program. It was noted that anyone unable to attend this Public Hearing may give their views either by writing or calling the office of the First Selectman.

First Selectman John Hodge introduced Grant Administrator Dr. Lisa Low who spoke about the Small Cities grants for the Town of New Fairfield and the application to the Community Development Department on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield. The town will be applying for the maximum grant in the amount of \$400,000. It was noted that the submission for this application has been moved up to April and the town should know by July.

Lisa Low spoke of the history of the program and noted that New Fairfield has been involved with the Small Cities Grant program since 1991. Approximately 70 different loans have been made to New Fairfield residents. Some of these loans have been paid off. Approximately 30 residents are currently on the waiting list. These applications are awarded on a first come-first serve basis. Resident Ray Juskiewicz asked about urgent need for applications. Dr. Low noted that if there is an urgent need such as a failing septic it is possible to move up on the waiting list.

Selectman Mike Gill asked if the town can apply for a grant to clean up houses with blight conditions. This would include multiple properties and one of which would be town owned property. There was a discussion of whether a FEMA grant could be used for a town owned blighted property.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Small Cities Grant program is a valuable program for New Fairfield that has helped many residents. The entire BOS thanked Dr. Low for her hard work with this program.

Adjournment

John Hodge closed the Public Hearing at 7:20pm.