

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

MINUTES

**Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Thursday, February 27, 2014
7:00 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37**

Members present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Members not present:

Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Pam Dohan, Town Clerk

Call To Order – First Selectman Susan Chapman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm.

The purpose of this Public Hearing was to discuss the Fiscal Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

First Selectman Chapman read the Notice of Public Hearing:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Fairfield will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT 06812 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits are \$700,000 for Public Facilities; \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns, \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more Towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities, and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low and moderate income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the town's community development and housing needs to review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of

housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the town's Application for funding.

Also, the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Susan Chapman, First Selectman, 4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812 or you may telephone First Selectman Chapman at 203-312-5600. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30am and 12:00pm on Friday.

The First Selectman's Office on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$400,000 under the Housing Rehabilitation category. In addition, the Town of New Fairfield will create a revolving loan fund with program income (principal and interest) generated from the grant for a housing rehabilitation loan program.

The Town of New Fairfield promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

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All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Chris Baldwin, ADA Coordinator, at 203-312-5640 at least five days prior to the hearing.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pam Dohan made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:09pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion- **All in favor**