

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Thursday, February 9, 2017
7:00 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Lisa Low, Small Cities Consultant

Call To Order – First Selectman Susan Chapman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm and introduced Lisa Low from Lisa Low Associates who spoke about the application for the Small Cities Grant.

Lisa Low read the following Notice:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Fairfield will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Selectman on February 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 33 Route 37 North, New Fairfield, CT 06812 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits: \$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 and 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 and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to First Selectman Susan Chapman, 4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812 or you may telephone Ms. Chapman at 203-312-5600. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on M-Thurs and 8:30 a.m. and noon on Fridays.

The Community Development/Housing Department 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 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 households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, or gender identity or expression.

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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 Eric Kist, ADA Coordinator, at 203-312-5640 at least five days prior to the hearing.”

Ms. Low noted that the Town will be notified in July if they are awarded this grant and the program will roll out in October. Once the award comes in, applications are sent in to the Town Clerk and are awarded on a first-come, first serve basis. Applicants for this program must have at least 10% equity in their home, may be current on their taxes and must meet local HUD Income limits.

Adjournment

The Public Hearing adjourned at approximately 7:10pm.