

First Public Hearing Minutes  
Monday, July 15, 2013

Present: Chairman Darcy; Selectman Ebbighausen; Selectman Gallagher; Selectman Morel; Selectman Rideout; TA Collins.

6:30 p.m. Chairman Darcy opened the Public Hearing to discussion of the CDBG project.

Rebeckah Bullock, Community Development Specialist, with SWRPC explained that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to municipalities for economic development, public facility and housing rehabilitation projects that primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. The Town of Hinsdale is eligible to receive up to \$500,000 a year for public facility/housing rehabilitation, up to \$500,000 a year for economic development projects, as well as up to \$500,000 a year in emergency funds. Feasibility Study funds are available for up to \$12,000. Rebeckah Bullock provided a handout describing the NH Community Development Block Grant Program eligible activities that included the area HUD income limits.

The proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) is for \$500,000 in CDBG Housing and Public Facilities funds. The funds will be used to provide grant funding to Oak Hill Acres Cooperative who will use the grant funding for needed infrastructure improvements. The project will help preserve 60 housing units, of which 47 are currently occupied. Rebeckah Bullock provided a project handout.

Angela Romeo of the Community Loan Fund provided a description of the project. The work will entail upgrading septic systems and upgrading some water lines.

This project conforms with the Town of Hinsdale's Housing and Community Development Plan Goals of:

***“Provide for expanded affordable housing for the elderly and for young families.”***  
***“Encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of the Town's housing stock.”***  
***“Pursue additional funds for expanded affordable housing programs.”***

Rebeckah Bullock explained the Low-Moderate Income Benefit of the Project. A recent survey shows that at least 82% of the households in the units to be affected by the project are low to moderate income. CDBG requirements and Federal Law requires that at least 51% of the housing units created are to be filled with individuals from low and moderate income households. If the Town receives this housing rehabilitation CDBG grant award, there will be a requirement of a Subrecipient Agreement involving Oak Hill Acres, which provides a contractual obligation to meet both the unit creation targets and the corresponding low-moderate income household targets.

6:40 p.m. The Chair opened the floor to public comment on the projects.

*MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC* expressed no concerns.

6:40 p.m. Selectman Morel motioned to close the Public Hearing on the Project portion of the CDBG Block Grant Hearing, Selectman Rideout seconded. Vote was as follows:  
Chairman Darcy – I; Vice Chairman Rideout – I; Selectman Ebbighausen – I, Selectman  
Gallagher – I; Selectman Morel – I

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alicia A. Marshall  
Secretary