

PUBLIC HEARING - NOVEMBER 29, 2007 - 6:00 PM

**CDBG APPLICATION
(HUD GRANT)**

Proof of notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on the CDBG Application, (HUD Grant) was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson.

Present were:

Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson
Councilman Neil Allen
Councilman Percy Allen
Councilwoman Suzanne Denn
Councilman Preston Allen
Town Clerk Carol Vaillancourt
Attorney David Avigdor
Assessor Duane Nealon

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing by introducing Assessor Duane Nealon who is familiar with the process of applying for this type of grant and who has agreed to stay tonight to do a short presentation. Assessor Nealon explained about the preliminary review to start the process, the funding limits, (total amount that would be received by the Town) which in most instances is \$400,000.00 and that the Town would have two years to spend the funds if the grant is awarded. Notice of availability is received in January with the grant application usually being due approx. two month later. Assessor Nealon explained the different approaches the Town could take in applying for this grant and the different types of things it could be used for along with the individual limits for some of the items.

The individual Board Members commented on some various uses for the money should the grant be approved such as home repairs, small business loans, emergency repairs fund, etc.

The following spoke for the Town completing a CDBG Application:

Mr. Dusty Dunn, 138 Hollow Road - Would like to make some improvements to his property and feels that there others in his neighborhood who could also benefit from receiving grant money based on conversations he has had with his neighbors.

Mr. Richard York, 90 York Road - Mr. York has some needed home repairs that he can not afford to do on his own, and also feels from discussions with friends and neighbors of his in the Town that there are others who could use the money if the Town is awarded the grant.

The following spoke against the Town completing a CDBG Application:

No one spoke against this.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was declared closed by Supervisor Johnson at 6:41PM.

Carol Vaillancourt
Town Clerk