

MINUTES
Public Hearing
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 6:45 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Annmarie Drugonis, Len Greene, Karen Stanek and Stephan Behuniak.

Members not present: Al Bruno.

Others present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Richard Demko, Lianna Staffieri, Lisa Lowe, Rory Burke, Gayle Bannon, Fred Dlugokenski, Sean Walsh, Michele and David Foster.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 6:45 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kurt read the following moderators statement:

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments on the Town of Seymour's application for a 2016 Small Cities grant and to discuss the income re-use plan should funds be awarded. The City/Town intends to apply for \$400,000 in the Housing Rehabilitation category to make improvements to approximately 10 to 12 low and moderate income Seymour homes. Improvements will include such activities as roof replacement, window and door replacement; code compliance improvements; furnace replacements; ADA modifications, lead abatement, and etc. The program re-use plan will be as follows: any income eventuating from the grant will be used for the same purpose as the original award. I would like now to take any questions. If I am unable to answer any of your questions tonight I will forward them to the town's small cities consultant.

Kurt introduced Dr. Lisa Lowe who has been working with the town's Small Cities Grant.

Dr. Lisa Lowe stated there is a Small Cities program currently active for housing rehabilitation. The purpose of the program is to make repairs to low and moderate income family (often senior and disabled) homes. Lisa feels this is the most efficient and economically effective way to address senior needs. She stated when money is loaned through the program, a revolving loan is created and money comes back to the town.

She gave the following statistics:

- Number of families that can be served in a typical housing rehab grant: 10
- Number of dollars allowable: \$30,000 per single family; \$50,000 per multi-family
- Number of families currently being served with contracts underway with 2014 award: 5
- Number of families pending contract: 3
- Number of projects to close out 2014 grant (July, 2016): 2
- Number of requests for applications in last 2 months: 21
- They will also be mailing to veterans in town.

Nicole inquired if any veterans were currently using the program.

Lisa stated she will find out.

ITEM #3: Public comment on the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street, inquired where the initial money would be coming from for the Small Cities program.

Lisa Lowe stated it comes from the Department of Housing and HUD. In Kurt's opening statement, he stated that any money coming back is called program income and it could only be used for that purpose. The town cannot absorb it.

ITEM #4: Close Public Hearing.

Motion to close public hearing at 6:52 PM

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

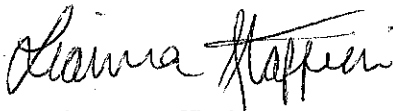
Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

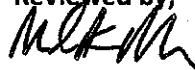
Len Greene – Yes

Submitted by,



**Lianna Staffieri
Recording Secretary**

Reviewed by,



**W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman**