

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
LISBON TOWN HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015
6:30 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen held a public beginning on March 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on the following:

TOWN OF LISBON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Lisbon will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Lisbon Town Hall, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, CT 06351 to the discuss the Fiscal Year 2015 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 the Town of Lisbon, First Selectman's Office, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, CT 06351 or you may telephone (860) 376-3400. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

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The Community Development/Housing Department on behalf of the Town of Lisbon anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$400,000 under the Housing Rehabilitation Program. 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 Lisbon 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.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Town of Lisbon, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, CT 06351 or you may telephone Thomas Sparkman, at (860) 376-3400. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. The hearing will also review and discuss the Town's prior Small Cities projects including any currently open or underway.

"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 Marlene LePine, ADA Coordinator at (860) 376-3400 at least five days prior to the hearing"

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Thomas Sparkman, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Thomas W. Sparkman, Robert T. Browne, Sr., John Gwiazdowski

Mr. Sparkman explained that the purpose of the hearing was to receive comments on the Town's application for a 2015 Small Cities grant and to discuss the income re-use plan should funds become available which he went on to outline. After reading the Public Hearing notice, Mr. Sparkman called for questions from the public.

Kim Sperry, 90 North Burnham Highway, asked if HUD criteria is used.

Mr. Sparkman confirmed.

Mrs. Sperry then asked if the consultant's fees and administrative costs come out of the grant or if are they separate.

Mr. Sparkman stated that they are part of the grant.

Mrs. Sperry ask if there is a percentage or maximum allowed for administration.

Mr. Sparkman stated that he believes that administrative costs are set within the grant. He then went on to describe the process.


Mrs. Sperry asked if a lien is placed on the person's property.

Mr. Sparkman confirmed, adding that when the lien is paid, that money would go into a fund for more projects.

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There were no other questions.

Mr. Sparkman adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.


Marlene LePine, Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman

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