

**Public Hearing  
Liberty Town Board  
June 17, 2013**

At a Public Hearing of the Liberty Town Board held on June 17, 2013 at 6:50 pm at Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, NY, to hear oral and written comments from concerned citizens with regard to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2013. The following board members were present:

Present: Councilperson Maurice Gerry  
Councilperson Dean Farrand  
Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck  
Councilperson Christopher Austin

Absent: Supervisor Charlie Barbuti

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher

Also present: Finance Director Earl Bertsch  
Budget & Accounting Coordinator Cheryl Gerow  
Deputy Town Clerk Sara Sprague  
Mark Blauer  
Matthew DeWitt  
Sam & Fran Kurpil  
Carol Montana  
Barbara Burton

Deputy Supervisor Hasbrouck called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates Inc. advised that this was a Public Hearing for the Town of Liberty to apply for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Blauer stated that there is approximately \$28 million in CDBG funds available for the fiscal year 2013. Mr. Blauer stated that this was an informational Public Hearing and discussed what types of Grant assistance was available.

Mr. Blauer advised that the Town proposes to submit a 2013 Public Infrastructure application in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to undertake Phase II improvements at the Loomis Sewer District wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Blauer reviewed the history of the Small Cities program, previous project received by the Town, NYS Office of Community Renewal's role in administering US HUD State Small Cities funds, the general outline of a Phase 2 project proposed for the Loomis Sewer District treatment plant, the due date for applications in the CFA process, possible application types possible thru CFA, the likely timing for decisions and implementation, the National Objectives requirement, required benefit to low and moderate income persons and potentially eligible activities

The following comments were made by Barbara Burton:

**Pursuant to the above et al and in compliance with the need I have found to be lacking in Sullivan County New York State and its attachments:**

**After extensive research alone and collaboratively, having been in contact with those others looking for answers to satisfy all and for the common higher good, an intensive "think tank" has been suggested to start the development process--this time in a better direction.**

**Whereas: I am sensitive to the needs and wants of community at large, a combination of expenditure of money- energy & time (M.E.A.T.) has been and remains a continual cumulative delusional activity unless once and forevermore the Sullivan County Budget provides a more realistic calculative base for economic development spearheaded by leadership and staff whose attitude is without bifurcation and who can present**

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planning for community development by removing budge line items shown to be unnecessary whether mandated or un-mandated programs thereby providing a more realistic basis for financial calculation for further planning want and need including better quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Burton

No one else wished to be heard and no written comments were received.

Adjourn

**On a motion by Councilperson Dean Farrand, seconded by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck and carried, the Town Board adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dutcher, Town Clerk