

**Public Hearing
Liberty Town Board
May 19, 2014**

At a Public Hearing of the Liberty Town Board held on May 19, 2014 at 6:45 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) 2014. The following board members were present:

Present:

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti
Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck
Councilperson Dean Farrand
Councilperson Russell Reeves
Councilperson Brian McPhillips

Recording Secretary:

Town Clerk Laurie Dutcher

Also present:

Finance Director Earl Bertsch
CEO Mark VanEtten
Budget & Accounting Coordinator Cheryl Gerow
Deputy Town Clerk Sara Sprague
Water & Sewer Foreman Tom Kehrley
Mark Blauer
Carol Montana
Park & Recreation Director Brian Scardefield
Legislature Cora Edwards
David Fanslau
Mary Heinle
Joel Rosenberg

Supervisor Barbuti called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Copy of Legal Notice:

Pursuant to the requirements of the New York State Office of Community Renewal, the Town of Liberty will conduct a public hearing to obtain the input of citizens, particularly low and moderate income persons, with regard to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The CDBG program is administered by NYS Homes & Community Renewal, Office of Community Renewal (OCR). An informational public hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2014 at 6:45 PM at the Liberty Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York 12754. Citizens are invited to participate in the development of the Town's Community Development project including assessing community development needs and priorities.

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At the public hearing the Town will describe the types of grant assistance available from the NYS Office of Community Renewal and will seek comments and suggestions from the public as to proposed uses of Community Development Block Grant funds. The types of activities that may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant program funds include acquisition and disposition of real property, public facilities and improvements, clearance activities, public services, payment of non-federal share of another federal program, removal of architectural barriers, relocation, rehabilitation and preservation activities, economic development and job creating activities. Approximately \$29 million in CDBG funds are available through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Economic Development, Small Business Assistance, NY Main Street, Technical Assistance and Rural Area Revitalization. The Town will also explain the primary and national objectives of the program, the State's CDBG requirements, the process and timeline for submitting application(s) through CFA and announcement timing.

A draft application for Community Development Block Grant assistance will be reviewed. The Town proposes to submit a 2014 Public Infrastructure application in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to undertake water distribution improvements to serve the White Sulphur Springs Water District. The proposed project will primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. The Town will submit this application through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) during June 2014. The Town expects that more applications will be submitted to the Office of Community Renewal than can be funded. Citizens may submit views at the hearing or in written form to Charlie Barbuti, Town Supervisor, Liberty Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York 12754.

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 \$29 million in CDBG funds available for the fiscal year 2014. 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 2014 Public Infrastructure application in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to undertake water distribution improvements to serve the White Sulphur Springs Water District.

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 the improvements to be made to the White Sulphur Springs Water District, 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

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

Adjourn

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On a motion by Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck, seconded by **Councilperson Thomas Hasbrouck** and carried, the Town Board adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dutcher, Town Clerk