

Town of Washington – CDBG 2021

Public Hearing – May 18, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

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Minutes

Present: Bill Fairbairn, Michelle Gorra, Dean Sarjeant, Jim Brinton, David Berto, Ralph Averill, Leslie Anderson

- 1. Introductions – James Brinton, Town First Selectman**
- 2. Reading of Public Hearing Notice – James Brinton, Town First Selectman**
- 3. CDBG Project Overview – Bill Fairbairn, WCHT**
 - a. Dodge Farm Apartments summary
 - b. Washington Community Housing Trust, Inc. (WCHT)
 - c. Relationship between Town and WCHT for CDBG project
- 4. CDBG Project Proposal – David Berto, CDBG Grant Consultant**
 - a. Goals and objectives of the CDBG program
 - b. Total amount of CDBG funds available
 - c. Community development and housing needs of the applicant
 - d. Proposed activities for the project and the amount to be requested
 - e. Role of grantee and consultant, if any
 - f. Proposed amount of funds to be used to benefit low- and moderate- income people
 - g. Amount and source of local funds to be expended on the project
 - h. Notification of any displacement resulting from the proposed activities or Notification of No Displacement
- 5. Public Participation/Q&A**

Question from Dean Sarjeant, Is the plan for the rentals to be self-sustaining? Bill explained that none of the rents are subsidized and that the project is self-sustaining however, about every 20 years grant money is required for capital improvements. The rents would no longer be Affordable if they raised them enough to cover capital needs. The whole project is non-profit, no one is making any money on the project.

Question, from Michelle Gorra regarding the list of capital needs priority list for the project. David responded that the list will be available is being worked on and will be available in a few days. Application due June 18.

Adjournment: 7:30pm