

Friends of the North Country Public Hearing held on March 26, 2021 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 4:00 PM

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Randy LaCount, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present:

Absent: Irving Breyette, Councilperson
Christopher Bulriss, Councilperson
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

Friends of the North Country held a Public Hearing with the Town of Mooers via GoToMeeting.

Mrs. Sue Picard, Friends of the North Country, read the following statement:

The Town of Mooers is holding this Public Hearing to encourage citizen participation and meet the requirements of 24 CFR 570.486 and NYS Homes and Community Renewal's Citizen Participation Plan as amended, which require Applicants to follow a citizen participation plan.

Prior to submitting a CDBG application, Applicants must issue a public hearing notice and hold one public hearing allowing for citizen feedback on the community and economic development needs of the applicant community and any proposed project(s).

The Town intends to submit a single purpose grant or multiple single purpose grant application(s) to the New York State Homes and Community Renewal for a Community Development Block Grant Small Cities (CDBG) Program during the 2020 (program) year.

These funds will be used for scattered site, single family, owner occupied, existing housing rehabilitation or replacement activities throughout the town. All project funds will be used to benefit low/moderate income households or for removal of slums and blight.

Program income is not expected to be available for the proposed program. The Town expects to make grants available to households to repair or replace substandard housing.

The Town will consider citizen comments in the preparation of the final application. A copy of the final application shall be made available to the public.

At this time the Town welcomes citizen comments:

-Councilperson Perras asked about the funding in being in year 2020, Mrs. Picard explained that's how NYS flagged the funding from year 2020.

-Mrs. Picard recommended increasing the funding the amount applied for as \$500,000 due to increase of materials cost, can do 9 rehab projects with this.

-There are 18 homeowners from the Town of Mooers on the rehab list/10 on replacement.

-Friends of the North Country applies for Rehabilitation Funds Separate from CBGB and will commit \$25,000 to the Town of Mooers.

-Councilperson LaCount asked what the people who applied for replacement would do if the Town does rehab. Mrs. Picard said there could be funding through Friends of the North Country dependent on the waiting list.

-There was discussion on the bid process. Friends of the North Country receives all sealed bids and presents them to the town. The Mooers Town Board will have the final choice.

-Ms. Jerika Manning asked if there were criteria for staying in the home after the work is done. A homeowner would need to stay in a rehabbed home for 5 years. If there is a death it could be passed down based on income eligibility. There will be a contract the homeowner would have to agree to going forward with the rehab.

The Town Board of the Town of Mooers voted to proceed with the rehabilitation of homes with this round of funding-all in favor.

BOARD RESOLUTION

Town Board of the Town of Mooers

I hereby certify that, at a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers, a Municipality with offices at, 2508 Route 11, Mooers, NY 12958, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Town of Mooers Office, in the Town of Mooers, County of Clinton, and State of New York, on March 26, 2021, the following Resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

WHEREAS, this Town Board hereby authorizes the Town's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Friends of the North Country, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, is hereby authorized to assist the Town to prepare and submit an application to New York State Homes and Community Renewal for the purposes of Community Development within the Town's jurisdiction, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby adopt the Abbreviated Consolidated Plan, the Citizen Participation Plan and the Anti-Displacement Plan for the purposes of the CDBG application and program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the Abbreviated Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan and Anti-Displacement Plan be retained at the Town Office by the Town Clerk of the Town of Mooers, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign and execute associated documentation for the aforementioned NYS Homes and Community Renewal CDBG Application.

All in Favor

The Board was provided the following documents for review at the regular meeting to follow:

Board Resolution

Section 3 Compliance Plan

Abbreviated Consolidated Plan

Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan

Citizen Participation Plan

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK