

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A POTENTIAL SMALL CITIES APPLICATION
MARCH 31, 2020**

VIRTUAL MEETING BY WEBEX

MINUTES

The hearing was virtually broadcast live on Webex and Facebook Live. The meeting was published in the Norwich Bulletin per DOH requirements prior to the State Executive Order on social distancing. A meeting agenda with ways to access the meeting was placed on the Town of Killingly's website several days prior to the meeting. This was the first public hearing the Town has conducted virtually.

Mary Calorio, Killingly Town Manager opened the public hearing at approximately 7:00 p.m. Ms. Calorio reviewed how the meeting was being broadcast, the capacity of the system and how interested persons could participate. She then turned the hearing over to Mary Bromm, Community Development Administrator, Town of Killingly.

Ms. Bromm explained the purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on potential project/program to move forward to the Town Manager/Town Council for approval. The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application is due to the State Department of Housing on May 22, 2020.

Ms. Bromm reviewed the goals and objectives of the Small Cities Program, the amount of funds available including the maximum grant amounts for specific categories, the role of citizens, the citizen participation process, public hearing/approval timeline and grant schedule, the previous projects the Town has completed, the current grant project the Town is working on and its status, and finally, the comments received at the 'needs' public hearing conducted earlier in the month and the proposed project for the FY2020 grant cycle.

Ms. Bromm reviewed that only one (1) project was identified during the first public hearing – the housing authority would like exterior rehab for 40 Birchwood units per the capital needs assessment including: new windows, doors and storm doors, siding, replace electric heating units and mini-splits and fencing along the railroad tracks.

Ms. Bromm opened the hearing for comments and reviewed how to access the Webex meeting by phone.

John Penney of the Norwich Bulletin stated he was just listening to the meeting and had no comment.

Ms. Carol Greene, Executive Director of the Killingly Housing Authority stated that Birchwood Terrace needed renovations and was the only project identified during the first hearing. Ms. Greene said she appreciated the Town Council's support for Housing Authority projects and supports the Birchwood Terrace Rehabilitation Project, Phase I.

After keeping the lines open for five minutes to allow additional comments, none were received.

Based on the comment, the Town will proceed with the process to approve the Birchwood Terrace Rehabilitation Project, Phase I.

The public hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Bromm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary E. Bromm
Community Development Administrator