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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance were Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Grant Writer Lawrence Wagner of Wagner Associates.

First Selectman Knickerbocker opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Grant Writer Lawrence Wagner explained that the purpose for this Public Hearing was to receive comments on the application to the Small Cities Block Grant, in the amount of \$800,000. He noted that the town has utilized funds from this federal program several times. The funding request is in the amount of \$800,000 and would be used by the Bethel Housing Authority to rehabilitate units at Reynolds Ridge. Renovations would include replacing all doors and windows, (which were original to the facility), install ramps to each unit, install and repair sidewalks throughout the complex, fix air drafts to air conditioning sleeves and convert two units into ADA compliant units. Mr. Wagner noted that his office will oversee the project, review invoices for submittal to the town for payment, etc. It is anticipated that grant funding, if approved, could be available in the fall.

Collin Vice, Director at Reynolds Ridge spoke to the need to make these renovations at Reynolds Ridge. She reiterated the need to update the units and advised that residents are supportive of the project. She noted that drawings and specifications have been completed as these need to be part of the application.

Timothy Beeble, Housing Authority Chairman advised that 24 units out of the 80 units have been renovated with in-house funding; this grant would allow the rest of the units to be completed/updated. He noted that currently 7 of the units are ADA compliant units and 2 more would be renovated as ADA units.

Jay Ofiero, Reynolds Ridge Tenants Association advised that the residents are looking forward to the renovation project.

As there were no other comments, First Selectman Knickerbocker closed the hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith
Wendy Smith Recording Secretary

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