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TOWN OF BETHEL
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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

Present: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski and Selectman Cleary. Also in attendance was Phyllis Kansky, Grants Administrator for the Town of Bethel and Peter Testa of L. Wagner Associates.

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

Discussion took place regarding the Town-wide Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program.

The Town is applying for a Small Cities Grant program which will enable residents, within certain income guidelines, to make repairs to their homes by participating in a "no interest" "no payment" loan program. For those who qualify, home repairs and/or purchasing of certain items can be made, such as a new furnace, new windows, roof, etc. by applying with the Town for such a loan. Loans can be paid back to the Town at the discretion of the resident. A lien will be placed on the home until the loan is paid back, or at the time the home is sold, or refinanced, etc.

In order to apply for this grant, the Town must submit between twelve to fifteen "non-binding" letters of interest from its residents. Ms. Kansky advised that so far, 22 letters of interest have been received. Eligibility will be based on income only - not assets.

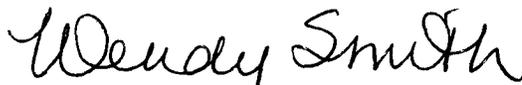
Eligibility income is as follows: Single - \$43,050; Two-person - \$49,200; Three-person - \$55,350; Four-person - \$61,500. Income eligibility increases as numbers in the family increase.

L. Wagner & Associates will oversee the program; monies would be distributed by the Town of Bethel. Contractors will be solicited and/or bid where appropriate.

If the Town of Bethel is approved for this loan program, applicants will be considered on a first-come, first served basis. It is anticipated that if approved, funds may be available by September.

As there was no further discussion, First Selectman Burke closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary