

Town of Westville
Public Hearing Minutes (#1)

October 12, 2021

Rodrique Lauzon, Town Supervisor, opened the public hearing of the Town of Westville Town Board at 6:05 p.m. on October 12, 2021 at the Westville Town Hall.

Town Supervisor Lauzon asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk of the Town of Westville Board, Ann Brady, called the roll.

Present at the hearing: Town Supervisor Rodrique Lauzon; Town Councilmen Michael Armstrong; Deputy Supervisor, Brenda St. Hilaire; Code Enforcement Officer Robert Crossman and Highway Superintendent Kevin Nichols. Also present: Kathy Nichols and Allison Trombley from FOTNC.

Supervisor Lauzon introduced Allison Trombley from Friends of the North Country to the Board and indicated that she would be addressing the Board in regard to submitting a CDBG grant application and to encourage any community input on fair housing matters.

Allison Trombley addressed the Board:

The Town of Westville 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 projects.

The Town intends to submit a single purpose grant or multiple single purpose grant application to the New York State Homes and Community Renewal for a Community Development Block Grant Small Cities (CDBG) Program during the 2021 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 to moderate income households or for removal of slums and blight. While it is not anticipate that the proposed activities will result in displacement or relocation, the Town will adhere to an anti-displacement and relocation plan if the application is rewarded.

The CDBG program is administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$20 million for the 2021 program

year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low to moderate income persons.

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

1. Board Resolution;
2. Section 3 Compliance Plan;
3. Abbreviated Consolidation Plan;
4. Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan; and
5. Citizen Participation Plan.

Public comments and feedback on community and economic development needs and comments project are welcome:

No comments.

A motion was made by Brenda St. Hilaire to close the public hearing, seconded by Michael Armstrong. All in favor. Unanimously approved.

The public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ann F. Brady, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:
