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TOWN OF WINCHENDON



Planning Board

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Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

March 18, 2025

Town Hall 2nd floor Auditorium
109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK
RCUD APR 2 2025 AM 10:10

Present: Chair- Guy Corbosiero , Vice-Chair Amanda Phillips, Arthur Amenta, Jim Hardy
Nicole Roberts- Planning/Land Use Coordinator

Absent: Thomas Liao

6:05PM- Chair Guy Corbosiero called the Planning Board meeting to order, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and audio/video recording disclosure.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: 2/18/25

Jim Hardy motioned to approve the 2/18/25 minutes as presented, 2nd by Arthur Amenta.

Amenta (Y) Hardy (Y) Phillips (Y) Corbosiero (Y) 4-0

ANR: School Square

The applicant was not ready at the time of the meeting due to still working with the architect and plans to hold off until a future planning board meeting.

Public Hearing: CDBG Grant FY25 Application

Guy Corbosiero read the public hearing notice.

Jim Hardy motioned to open the hearing, 2nd by Arthur Amenta.

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Joe Hagopian from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) was present and planned to discuss the proposed application through the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant program. This application works largely based on the grant award that the town received and PVPC is contracted to administer under the previous year FY24. There will be three main activities that have been proposed through careful deliberation based on the prior years grant as well as what has been observed as a critical public needs throughout the town.

Infrastructure Improvements

Beech Street Infrastructure Improvement Project (Phase II)- This project will include the second phase of infrastructure improvements on Beech Street, which are already fully designed. The second phase of improvements will include surface restoration, sidewalk, curbing, and associated mobilization costs.

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$400,000

Public Social Surface- Working with Making Opportunity Count as the public service provider, the Town will contract Fuel assistance for qualifying homes once HEAP funds have expired. \$400 per qualifying household in fuel assistance will be made available through this grant. An estimated 108 households may be funded.

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$50,000

Brown Street Infrastructure Improvement Project- This project will replace around 200 linear ft of water main along Brown street to improve water pressure and fix water flow to the areas of Hill street and Brown street.

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$176,000

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Infrastructure Delivery- PVPC will complete all project management including procurement for the second phase of construction, water main construction, contract development and management, monitoring of Davis Bacon and MA prevailing wage laws, coordinate project meetings, maintain files, and all other related project tasks.

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$100,000

Social Services Delivery- The PVPC will complete all project management including coordinating project meetings, monitoring the social services provider, maintaining files, and all other related project tasks.

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$5,000

Grant Administration- The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will provide all grant administration services.

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$119,000

Total Budget Not to Exceed: \$850,000

Amanda Phillips motioned to approve CDBG application for the proposed FY25 Winchendon Community Development Fund Grant application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 as detailed in the public hearing and to include infrastructure improvements on Beech Street, Brown Hill, and River Street, and public social services, 2nd by Arthur Amenta.

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Amanda Phillips moved to make a recommendation/motion to the Planning Board to authorize the chair of the board selectmen or the representative to sign all required forms, documents, and authorizations,

pertaining to the proposed FY25 Winchendon Community Development Fund Grant application, 2nd by Arthur Amenta.

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Member Comment: G. Corbosiero mentioned three of the board members attended the CPTC annual conference and Guy went to a Clean Energy Project conference as well. Clean Energy was going to put out some sample bylaws for ground mounted solar systems and batteries. Subdivision Surety will be sending a powerpoint to provide to the members.

Adjourn: Arthur Amenta motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Amanda Phillips.

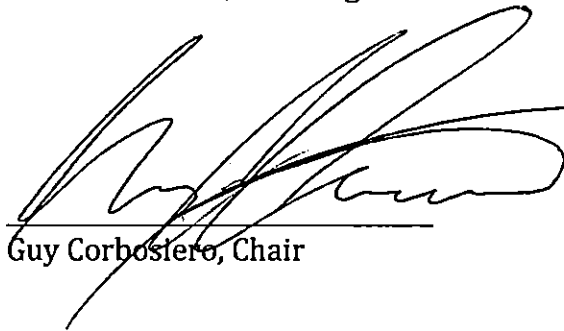
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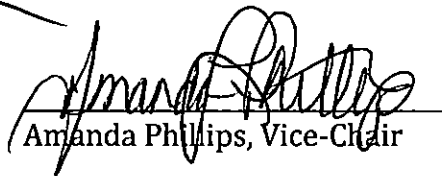
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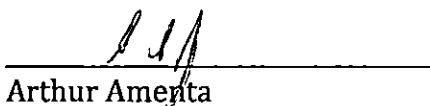
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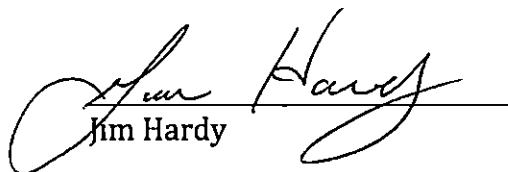
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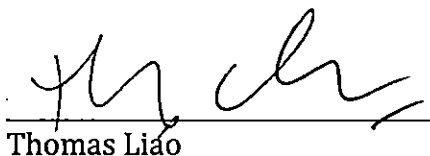
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Guy Corbosiero, Chair


Amanda Phillips, Vice-Chair


Arthur Amenta


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