

# Town of Winchendon

## Department of Planning and Development

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FY20 CDBG Program - Grant Update Public Hearing  
6:35 pm February 28, 2022

This public hearing is required by our FY20 Community Development Block Grant of \$715,510 for Railroad Street Improvements and a Supplemental Fuel Assistance program. The hearing is an opportunity for the Board and public to be updated on the progress of the grant to date and to provide feedback on its performance.

**Railroad Street Re-Construction Project** – The project was bid in May 2021, with the bid package also including town funded improvements to Spruce Street. Construction began in October, with water, sewer and drainage improvements completed before winter shutdown.

Resumption of construction activities is anticipated for mid-April with the sidewalk and curb installation. This will take approximately one month, to be followed by the top course paving in May and planting, seeding and loaming. The project should be completed by the end of June.

Construction contract is for \$771,866.75. Expenses paid to date:

Schedule A - Railroad Street (no water main):	\$251,654
Schedule B - Spruce Street:	\$82,256
Alternate 1 - Water Main:	<u>\$177,113</u>
Total expended	\$511,023

Construction currently is on budget

### **Supplemental Fuel Assistance:**

50 awards of one tank fill up per awardee not to exceed \$500.00                      Total \$25,000.00

Application and administration of the program is through New England Farm Workers Council. (NEFWC) Winchendon residents who submit applications for LIHEAP are automatically considered for the CDBG funded program, which uses slightly different income limits than LIHEAP. At this time, there are more residents qualified than supplemental funds available. All funds are committed and NEFWC is compiling a waiting list should additional funding become available.

Respectfully,

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