Town of Morris

Morris Community Hall

3 East St, Morris, CT

Hybrid Public Hearing for CDBG 2023

May 22, 2023

Minutes

The Hearing was called to order by First Selectman Thomas Weik at 7:00 PM.

Those in attendance in person were: Thomas Weik, Veronica Florio, Peggy Jensen, John Coyne, Helen White, Joel Skilton and David Wiig.

Those attending in line via Zoom were: David Berto- CDBG Grant Consultant, Mira Peck, Lenny Burns, Bill Ayles, and Hunter Weik.

Thomas Weik read the Public Hearing Notice.

Jim Simoncelli, the Executive Director of the Morris Housing Authority was unable to attend, so David Berto reviewed the Housing Project Summary, the role of the Morris Housing Authority and the Town's role in the CDBG Project.

David Berto then outlined the goals and objectives of the CDBG Program, reviewed the total amount of funds available, explained the community development and housing needs of the applicant, stated the proposed activities of the proposed amount of funds to be requested (\$800,000).

Mr. Berto discussed the role of the grantee and consultant in the project, reviewed the proposed amount of funds to be used to benefit low and moderate income people, the amount and source of local funds to be expended on the project and explained the notification of any displacement resulting form the proposed activities or notification of no displacement.

There was an open discussion with the members of the public with questions and answers provided by David Berto and Thomas Weik. Some concerns that were raised was the lack of senior housing in the town and David Berto noted that the new housing would be open to people of all ages, including seniors.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

