

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 31, 2020  
7:30 P.M. – TELECONFERENCE  
Dial 605-468-8035, access coder 9374781**

First Selectman Hoey called the Public Hearing to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Matthew Hoey, Lou Federici, Sandra Ruoff, Susan Renner, Charles Havrda,

Town : Acting Clerk Karen Quercia

Others: Kelly Fitzgerald, United Way of Greater New Haven

- 1. Public Hearing to obtain comment on the Fiscal Year 2020 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. In addition, the Town’s current 2018 Small Cities CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and 2019 Small Cities CDBG Shelter Diversion programs will be discussed to obtain public input.**

Mr. Hoey read a portion of the public hearing notice and explained that this is the program the town received funds for in 2019. This grant would allow the Public Services Shelter Diversion Program, which addresses homelessness, to continue by applying for the maximum grant amount of \$350,000. These funds are to be used for staffing on the shoreline to provide a point of contact and outreach for those facing a housing crisis.

Ms. Fitzgerald of United Way of Greater New Haven, the Town’s contracted partner in this program, explained that funding for year one of the Public Services Shelter Diversion program has been secured, the Town of Guilford entered an agreement with the Department of Housing effective January 1, 2020. The application being discussed this evening is being submitted to secure funding for year two. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hiring process for staff has been put on hold.

There were no further comments or questions.

*Motion: Upon a motion by Ms. Ruoff, and seconded by Mr. Federici, the Board voted to close the Public Hearing at 7: 39 p.m.*

*In Favor: Federici, Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff*

*Opposed: None*

*Abstained: None*

**2. Discuss and take possible action on Certified Resolution for the 2020 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant.**

Mr. Hoey asked if everyone had a copy of the resolution, the Board members all replied in the affirmative.

*Motion: Upon a motion by Mr. Federici, and seconded by Ms. Ruoff, the Board voted to waive the reading of the resolution.*

*In Favor: Federici, Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff*

*Opposed: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Motion: Upon a motion by Ms. Ruoff, and seconded by Mr. Federici, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Certified Resolution for the 2020 Small Cities Community Block Grant as a result of the Public Hearing.*

*In Favor: Federici, Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff*

*Opposed: None*

*Abstained: None*

*Motion: Upon a motion by Ms. Renner, and seconded by Mr. Havrda, the Board voted to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.*

*In Favor: Federici, Havrda, Hoey, Renner, Ruoff*

*Opposed: None*

*Abstained: None*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Quercia*

Acting Clerk