

**TOWN OF BEACON FALLS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 14, 2013
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
MINUTES
(Draft – Subject to Approval)**

First Selectman Gerard F. Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 7:08 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENT: First Selectman G. Smith, Selectman D. D’Amico, Selectman C. Bielik.

ALSO PRESENT: Grant Writer Lisa Low

Clerk read call which had been published on December 28, 2012 and January 4, 2013.

L. Low noted this Public Hearing is part of the process to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds, which is \$400,000 this year. She noted that the Town was awarded \$300,000 in funding last year.

L. Low noted these funds have been used for residential housing rehabilitation, with many seniors taking advantage of this. She suggested the Town continue on this path, as there were many people who were interested in applying for these funds. She noted that already nine (9) applications had been received.

L. Low also mentioned that in the future Town could apply for funding to perhaps renovate, expand, or build a new Senior Center. She also mentioned the concept of livable communities where existing older homes are renovated to become more accessible for the older population.

C. Bielik was told that this \$300,000 or \$400,000 funding is a new cycle of funding, with this Public Hearing being part of the applications process.

HUD income guidelines are used and are geared towards the low and middle income levels.

With no other questions or comments, G. Smith closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Wilson, Clerk for the Board of Selectmen – Public Hearing 1/14/13.