

Agawam Planning Board – February 16, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark R. Paleologopoulos, Chairman
Frank DeStefano
Michael DiLullo
Charles Elfman
Violet Baldwin

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Pam Kerr
Stefanie Kesecker

Chairperson Paleologopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. 6:00PM PUBLIC HEARING-FY22/23 Community Development Block Grant Fund Application.

Erica Johnson with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) was present for this agenda item. The grant application is due March 3, 2023 and the Town can apply for up to 1.35 million dollars. Mr. Paleologopoulos asked how the amount was figured. Ms. Johnson stated the grant is for any community in Massachusetts and is based upon need, population, household incomes, etc. She stated it is two fiscal years of funding combined. She stated another grant had paid for an infrastructure study in North Agawam. She stated the proposed project areas are Moore Street infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, septic repair, and aging in place. She stated they also looked at Maple Street, but the surveys have not been completed. Ms. Johnson explained that the Moore Street infrastructure project would be for the entire length of the street, and the work would occur in phases, and is estimated at \$800,000. She stated housing rehabilitation offers up to \$40,000 in deferred payment loans for repairs/replacement of basic building systems, lead and hazardous material abatement, removal of architectural barriers, and corrections to sanitary and building code violations, and would not exceed \$180,000. Ms. Johnson stated that aging in place program would be for senior citizens and would be administered start to finish by PVPC, providing outreach, intake, case management, project inspection, development, bidding, construction oversight, and deed filings, and this would use \$40,000. She also stated that PVPC would provide all administration services with a total cost not exceeding \$145,000. Mr. DeStefano asked how the projects are selected. Ms. Johnson said they look at the Town needs and a lengthy list of needed projects per town. Ms. Kerr stated a portion of the FY19 grant was used to conduct a survey looking at the infrastructure in North Agawam. Ms. Johnson said the information from the survey will help with the application process. Mr. Paleologopoulos asked who decides if the grant is administered. Ms. Johnson said the application gets approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. She explained there is a community wide need score and it is formulated by the state and looks at things like population size, income levels, education and is scored for need and impact. She stated they also advertise the housing rehabilitation to get people on a wait list to show need.

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Ms. Baldwin asked how long before PVPC hears if the grant is accepted. Ms. Johnson stated it is supposed to happen in July.

Mr. Paleologopoulos opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments given.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Elfman to close the PUBLIC HEARING-FY22/23 Community Development Block Grant Fund Application.

VOTE 5-0-0

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DiLullo to send a letter to Department of Housing & Community Development cc the Mayor to support the FY22/23 Community Development Block Grant Fund Application.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC

The Planning Board received a written request to extend the Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC for 45 days, April 28, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to extend the Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Esttates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC for 45 days, April 28, 2023, as requested.

VOTE 5-0-0

The Planning Board received a written request to continue PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC to March 16, 2023.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to continue PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC until the March 16, 2023 meeting, as requested.

VOTE 5-0-0

3. SITE PLAN-Suffield Street-TCR Properties, LLC

The Planning Board received a request to continue the SITE PLAN-Suffield Street-TCR Properties, LLC until the March 2, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Mr. DeStefano to continue the SITE PLAN-Suffield Street-TCR Properties, LLC, until the March 2, 2023 meeting, as requested.

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VOTE 5-0-0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-February 2, 2023

Motion was made by Mr. DiLullo and seconded by Mr. Elfman to approve the February 2, 2023 minutes.

VOTE 5-0-0

5. Correspondence

None

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.