

**PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROJECT #382MHR365-19
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m.**

Shaun Gilliland, Chairman
James Monty, Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Monty called this Public Hearing to order at 11:30 a.m. with the following supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Robin DeLoria, Derek Doty, Roy Holzer, James Monty, Thomas Scozzafava, Matthew Stanley, Michael Tyler and Mark Wright. Davina Winemiller was previously excused.

Department heads present: Judy Garrison and Dan Palmer

Also present - Angel Marvin – Housing.

MONTY: It's 11:30 a.m. we'll call the public hearing to order. Judy, would you read the notice of public hearing.

GARRISON: Essex County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 11:30 am at the Supervisor's Chambers, Essex County Government Center, 7551 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY for the purpose of hearing public comments on Essex County's current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: # 382MHR365-19 Essex County Mobile Home Replacement Program.

This CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons.

The hearing will provide further information about the progress of the ongoing CDBG project. Comments related to the effectiveness of administration of the CDBG projects will also be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

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Dated: February 8, 2022

MONTY: Thank you Judy. Angel, would you like to come up and brief us on this please?

MARVIN: So this is Essex County's mobile home replacement grant. They require that we have two public hearings one when we write the grant and one toward the end which that is what this one is. The grant was originally \$470,000, with that we expected to do four mobile home replacements and the price has gone up so incredibly that we've only been able to do three. New

York State, there is about \$25,000 left over after the three and New York State allowed us to combine it in another New York State Essex County mobile home grant not CDBG but a different agency to help a project in Willsboro that needed extra funds.

This one, the final date, the deadline for ending it is 3/14/22. New York State understands that we've had a lot of delays with manufacturing and getting these mobile homes here so they know that we have the three. One was completed in Bloomingdale right around Christmas, we have a spring punch list of a couple of things to finish but he's been in since Christmas and he reports being very warm for the first time in a while.

We have one coming in Keene in June and then one coming into Keeseville in March. We've seen the delivery times on these mobile homes go from usually six weeks to a full year before they come and then even when we order them we've been experiencing delays from the dealers. Our prices have increased I don't know; I don't even want to guess maybe 50%. I can tell you that we ordered a mobile home this year that was the exact same model, everything was exact same as one we ordered last year for an applicant last year's cost \$55,000, this year's cost \$83,000 so we're, it's like a big logic puzzle that we're trying to find the right funding to try to get as many mobile homes replaced as we can. This project is well on its way almost complete and if anybody has any questions I would be happy to try and answer them.

MONTY: Any questions? No questions. Thank you Angel.

MARVIN: Your welcome. Thank you.

MONTY: Was there any written comments sent in Judy?

GARRISON: I have not received any, no.

MONTY: If there are no other questions, comments we stand adjourned. Thank you.

As there was no further discussion to come before this public hearing it was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors