

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 12:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – CR 3

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Schoolcraft, Hespeler, Vincent, Sherman, Billing
Absent: McBride, Eames
Staff: Cullen

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 25, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 25, 2018
Motion made and agreed to unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

IV. STAFF REPORT:

2016 CDBG: Cullen reported that we are approaching 100% completion of that grant, while the match money remains to be deployed. Around 20 change orders were needed, which consumed much of the fund. For instance to fix the community room drain pipes.

2017 CDBG: There is a report with details of numerous ongoing projects at Mystic River Homes, where this grant allowed major long-needed improvements. Vincent observed that local contractors seem to be fully occupied or even over-booked, but was informed by Cullen that contractor availability has not been an impediment to this particular project.

Revolving Loan Program for Housing Rehabilitation: Grants and allowances to existing homeowners for improvements are now being made exclusively as deferred loans. There is no longer a need for residents to send monthly checks, or for the Town to process them. A surviving spouse will not face a loan redemption call, so the psychological burden has been much reduced.

V. NEW BUSINESS: Schoolcraft and Hespeler stated that they would like to be replaced as members of the CDAC. Cullen gave Schoolcraft and Hespeler instructions on informing the Town Clerk of this request. Billing informed Cullen that she thought Eames no longer lived in Groton. Cullen will inquire of the Town Clerk if Eames no longer is eligible for membership. She will also ask that new members should be sought. Hespeler agreed to continue to serve until the other replacements are made, so that we can continue to have a quorum.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:27.

Lee D. Vincent, Secretary
Community Development Advisory Committee