

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

**April 2, 2018
8:00 p.m.**

South Windsor Town Council

PURPOSE: To receive citizen input on an Application for the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program for Public Housing Modernization at Wapping Mews.

Mayor Anwar called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.; and requested that the Clerk of the Council read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Exhibit A**). There were approximately fifty (50) people present in the audience. .

Mayor Anwar informed the public that the subject of this Public Hearing is the Town of South Windsor's application to the State Department of Housing for a 2018 Small Cities Grant for \$800,000 to modernize 30 units at Wapping Mews Elderly Housing at 50 Elm Street in South Windsor. The Public Hearing's purpose is four-fold: 1) to discuss the program income re-use plan, if any; 2) to report on the status of any previous, active Small Cities grants; 3) to receive comments on the 2018 Small Cities application; and 4) to discuss questions of process, qualifications, and requirements, as applicable. With regard to the four purposes stated above, please note:

- 1) No program income is intended to be earned as a result of this grant. Program Income earned in future, if any, will be used for the same purpose originally applied for.
- 2) There are no previous open Small Cities grants.
- 3) This year, the Town intends to apply for \$800,000 in Small Cities funds to make kitchen, bath, and ADA improvements to Wapping Mews, an elderly and disabled housing facility owned and operated by the South Windsor Housing Authority.
- 4) The application process includes submitting an application in April. The Town generally hears results of application submission in July. If awarded, the Town implements the application, which will be written with the assistance of a consultant hired for this purpose.

Mayor Anwar asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak.

Mr. George Daniels, 19 High Tower Road, Executive Director for the Housing Authority in South Windsor came forward and stated that most people in Town are not aware of the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority is in its 50th year, becoming an entity in 1968. Wapping Mews was the first community that was established by the Housing Authority. There are 30 affordable apartments for elderly residents or persons that are disabled. The community has continued to be viable through the years, but is in need of improvements. The Housing Authority is also applying for a SSHP grant which is the states sponsored housing portfolio grant that is through the combination of CHFA and the Department of Housing. The goal is to make the Wapping Mews sustainable for the next 20 years. The Housing Authority is a self-sustaining entity and is not part of the Town, although residents of the Wapping Mews do get the services provided to other residents for a fee which is given to the Town each year from the Housing Authority.

Mr. James Throwe, 1330 Main Street came before the Town Council to speak in support of this grant. The proposed improvements to Wapping Mews are necessary improvements for senior citizens that want to stay in South Windsor.

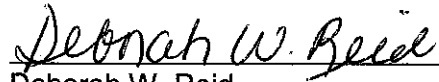
Mr. Toby Lewis, 32 Linda Lane came forward to speak in support of the Town applying for these grant funds.

Those supporting the application for the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program for Public Housing Modernization at Wapping Mews: 24

Those opposing the application for the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program for Public Housing Modernization at Wapping Mews: 0

The public hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah W. Reid", is written over a horizontal line.

Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Public Hearing Notice – Exhibit A

Received 03/29/2018 @ 4:10 pm
Karin J. O'Connell, ATC



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Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 23rd day of March 2018.

Attested to by:

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Attested to by: <u>/s/Deborah W. Reid</u> Deborah W. Reid Clerk of the Council
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