

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

***PUBLIC HEARING – SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANT FOR
PARK HILL
March 3, 2022
7:15 p.m.***

Meeting held in person in the John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room,
Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

AND
via ZOOM Teleconference

**Meeting ID: 332 683 3563
Passcode: townhall**

MEETING MINUTES

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Board of Selectmen

Jason E. Bowsza, First Selectman
Marie DeSousa, Deputy First Selectman
Alan Baker, Selectman
Sarah Muska, Selectman
Charles Nordell, Selectman

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Bowsza hosted the hybrid meeting.
Also present were: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Baker,
Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS in-person: Tom Lansner (Board of Finance), Joseph Ouellette; **Small
Cities Block Grant Public Hearing:** Linda Collins, Executive Director
of Park Hill, and Kent Lewis, consultant; Bill Loos.

**GUESTS/SPEAKERS related to Budget Presentations (Remote access only): Finance
Director:** Amy O'Toole.

Participants signed in remotely (identified as noted online): Noreen Farmer, I-Phone, Christine
Posniak, Joe Sauerhoefer.

First Selectman Bowsza noted the time is 7:15 p.m., he called the Public Hearing on the
Small Cities Block Grant to Order.

PARK HILL RENOVATIONS:

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Linda Collins, Executive Director of Park Hill, was present in person. Ms. Collins thanked First Selectman Bowsza and the Board for their support of this project. She noted it meant a lot to the residents, who now have beautiful showers which are accessible. Going forward they can age in place. Ms. Collins introduced Kent Lewis, who is the consultant on the project to explain the status of the project.

Mr. Lewis advised the Board this work was done with a HUD Grant which was awarded about 1 ½ years ago but they didn't want to start the work during COVID. They started this work in November, and are about 90% done and have drawn about 75% of the fund, everything is moving smoothly with the State Department of Housing and HUD to move things along. Mr. Lewis reported that they have replaced tubs with showers in about 50 units at Park Hill. They also encountered asbestos tile in about 50% of the units, which they abated/removed. The work was completed in 3 different phases within 3 time periods. They also sought approval from the State to put a shower in one of the bathrooms in the Community Room if the power is out and people are staying in the Community Room. Mr. Lewis indicated they still have a punchlist of miscellaneous items to complete. The total Grant was \$650,000. Mr. Lewis reported he anticipates to complete the project in the next 6 to 8 weeks.

First Selectman Bowsza called for questions from the Board.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned which bathroom in the Community Hall got the new shower? Ms. Collins indicated it's the first bathroom on the right. She noted with the Community Hall having a generator installing the shower was a huge plus.

Mr. Lewis reported they have one unit to complete but the resident is very ill, so they haven't made the change to that unit.

First Selectman Bowsza asked the in-person audience for questions on the Small Cities Grant for Park Hill; no one requested to speak. First Selectman Bowsza then queried the remote participants; no one requested to be acknowledged.

Hearing no other requests for discussion First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion to CLOSE the Public Hearing on the Small Cities Block Grant.

MOTION: To CLOSE the Public Hearing on the Small Cities Block Grant at 7:20 p.m.

Baker moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: Nothing further

VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

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First Selectman Bowsza reported he will return to the Call of the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted _____
Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen