

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD  
SELECTMEN'S HALL – 96 MAIN STREET – THIRD FLOOR  
PUBLIC HEARING DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT  
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014 @ 6:30 PM**

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**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Chairman, Kristi Morris, called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Present: David Yesman, George McNaughton, Chairman, Kristi Morris, Vice-Chairman, Stephanie Thompson and Peter MacGillivray.

Also Present: Town Manager, Robert Forguites, Comptroller, Jeffrey Mobus, Town Clerk, Barbara Courchesne, and Highway Superintendent, Jeffery Strong.

Town Manager, Robert Forguites, opened up the Public Hearing by introducing Executive Director, Thomas Kennedy, from Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, (SWCRPC), who will be going over the highlights of the Disaster Recovery Grant.

Mr. Kennedy explained the Town of Springfield and SWCRPC have been working together on an application for a Disaster Recovery Grant from the State of Vermont for a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery VCDP Implementation Grant 2012 under the Vermont Community Development Program. The application will apply for \$450,000.00 to \$500,000.00 grant for the Town of Springfield to construct a Storm Water Control System on Meadow Drive. Currently, there is not a storm water system on Meadow Drive and storms, such as Tropical Storm Irene, have caused erosion issues in this area.

Mr. Kennedy went on to comment the State of Vermont had \$5,000,000.00 given to them to be allocated for infrastructure improvements related to Tropical Storm Irene. The Town of Springfield and SWCRPC had to submit a pre-application for an idea for the project. The State has reviewed the pre-application and agrees the Town of Springfield has a good project. SWCRPC is in the middle of putting the final application together. The State will review again to decide if the Town of Springfield goes ahead with the Storm Water Control System. If the Town receive the go ahead, SWCRPC will have many other tasks associated with the project, such as an environmental review. The Town and SWCRPC have been working on this project for nearly a year and Aldrich & Elliott Engineering have been working on a low cost solution to this problem. In order to meet a request of the application; the Town of Springfield needed to hold a Public Hearing to discuss the project with the public.

Chairman, Kristi Morris, commented this project would go the whole length of Meadow Drive located in the Pedden Acres. Mr. Kennedy explained the project would use a combination of pipe and underground drainage. Mr. Strong confirmed this was a clean worksite, no sewer lines to deal with.

David Yesman clarified there is not a current storm water control system on Meadow Drive and then asked if other streets in the development needed storm water drains. Highway Superintendent, Jeffery Strong, said the other streets had storm drains.

Vice-Chairman, Stephanie Thompson, inquired if the Town of Springfield was going to be required to have a match for this grant. Mr. Forguites stated there would be a 10% match needed from the Town of Springfield.

Chairman Morris asked for a time frame for this project. Mr. Kennedy estimated the final application for the grant request would be submitted in May 2014. The Town should know if they are receiving the grant by June 1<sup>st</sup>, an environmental review would take place, requests for proposals, (RFP), would hopefully go out this year. The goal will be to start the project by the Summer of 2015. The work has to be done within two, (2), years of the awarded date.

Mr. Forguites closed out the Public Hearing by stating there was no action for the Selectboard to take, other than to have the Public Hearing at this time. Public Hearing closed at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Donna M. Hall,  
Recording Secretary

