Select Board/PVPC CDBG Hearing Minutes-
Holland Town Hall
February 20th, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA

*6:00 PM PVPC-Community Development Block Grant (PVPC) Hearing Opened Chris Dunphy & John O'Leary

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a Federal program that offers programs and services for low to moderate income persons. The program starts with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who provides funding to larger cities and state government based on a formula. The state government, in this case the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), offers small cities and towns an opportunity to apply for grant assistance through an annual competitive application process. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) has been working with the Tri-Town communities for well over 20 plus years and are assisting with the FY2019 grant application. Projects recommended by the PVPC and the Tri-Town committee for grant are Housing Rehabilitation, Brimfield Senior Center Planning Study, Food Pantry assistance and assistance for the Tri-Task force /Stop Abuse in collaboration with Behavioral Health Network. PVPC identified the need for this grant through surveys, data and community input from residents and officials in all three communities. There has been an ongoing Tri-Town group that also regularly meets with PVPC staff who evaluated all the projects and recommended that they be included in the application. For the housing activity, the average cost of each project is estimated to be approximately 20,000 and that there hopefully will be funding available for approximately 8 projects per community. The food pantry and domestic violence programs will also be made available for residents in all three towns. Holland will serve as the lead community for this grant for approximately $560,000 that is due March 8, 2019. Several forms are required as part of the submission including an original copy of the budget sheet sign by the Select board Chair.

Holland Select Board Chair: Bettina Schmidt; Wales Select Board Vice Chair: James Whalen and Brimfield Select Board Member: Ryan Olsztra support this initiative.

PVPC-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY2019:

Motion 020519-1: Mr. Mandell made a motion to authorized the Holland Select board Chair to work with PVPC with the finalizing of the application process for March 8th.
2nd Mr. Fancy. So Voted.

Closed the Hearing at 6:17 **PM**