

Guilford Economic Development Board - Housing Committee Meeting
March 15, 2010 5:30 pm – prior to the public hearing

In attendance:

Patti Davis, Joni Slamm, Roberta Thompson, Brian Woodworth, Mike Dexter, Sheila Thompson, Bob McReavy, Tom Goulette, Carrie Fellows, Ron Harriman

Ron Harriman gave a recap of our 2009 application and stated that it was well received and if there had been funds for one more town, ours would have been selected. We are preparing an application as good, if not better than last year, so Ron feels good about our chances of receiving funding. He also mentioned that there are 15 applications with funding sufficient for 9 towns. We should have an answer in May 2010.

We then reviewed our letters of support and submitted them to Ron. Our press releases and articles were reviewed and copies submitted. Carrie will submit a timeline of meetings and presentations to Ron. We are reminded to encourage others to continue submitting pre applications available at the town office and on the town web-site.

We then reviewed the guidelines set by the housing committee during our previous round of funding;

We limit funding to \$15,000 per home with exceptions as high as 25,000 for situations that require well and septic work. This is to spread the funding as far as possible. The first program had average of much less than \$15,000. The committee reviews all the applications after Ron visits and takes photos and summarizes applications. Then the committee goes through the anonymous applications to determine the highest need first.

We have set allowances for unreimbursed medical expenses and childcare costs to reduce an applicants' income.

The applicant must own land and building and have owned the property for at least one year. There must also be no tax liens.

Asset (cash) levels must be under \$12,000 if they are under 65 years old and \$20,000 for over 65 – the committee can waive this if necessary.

Applicants' property has to be clear of debris and unregistered vehicles.

We use local contractors – that are lead abatement certified, insured, and have references.

Carrie will send Ron email addresses for Brian Woodworth, Patti Davis and Danny Hutchins