

**MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING
CBDG-DR GRANT APPLICATION
DOWNTOWN FLOOD MITIGATION & FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION
5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM**

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane
Shari Cornish
Tim Ricciardello - *absent*
Danny Hale

Others Present

David Upson, Town Manager
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator
Tracy Martin, Comm. Dev. Coordinator (*CDC*)

Others Present

Bruce Lallow

Public Hearing

5:30 P.M. Eric Remick, Select Board Chair, called the Public Hearing to order.

5:30 P.M. Item #1 Select Board Chair to give reason for the hearing

The Town of Hardwick is currently preparing two applications to the State's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program. This program is funded by the U.S, Department of Housing and Urban Development and is administered by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Housing and Community Development.

The first application is for a planning grant in the amount of \$250,000. If our application is successful, this grant will fund a scoping study of the Lamoille River corridor in Downtown Hardwick. The goal of the study is to identify strategies that could be applied in this section of the river corridor to mitigate the effects of future flooding events in our Downtown.

The second application is for an implementation grant in the amount of \$1,500,000. If received, this grant will fund a floodplain restoration project on a 14-acre town-owned parcel, on the east side of the river downstream of the confluence with Cooper Brook.

These two projects would allow for more flood storage.

The Town has a buyout in progress for Sawmill Lane. Ceilidh asked once this buyout is finished if it would give more flood storage as well. David mentioned that yes it will help with flooding, but it's not part of the grant.

Ceilidh also asked about dredging near Hay's Service Station on Mill Street. David stated that dredging may have an impact downstream and encourages people to attend river meetings at the Library. These meetings will be held on September 24, and October 1 starting at 6:00 P.M.

Tracy mentioned that the town is unsure about what the grant will specifically offer, and we're open to proposals that could positively impact the downtown area.

Ceilidh asked about the timing now that the public hearing has been held. Tracy stated that the application is in the process of being written and is due at the end of the month. However, Heather Carrington, who is assisting with the grant application, would like to submit it by next Friday in case any edits need to be made.

David stated that he would clarify with Heather about if any match is needed.

5:41 P.M. Communication/Questions from the Audience

5:44 P.M. With no further comments from anyone, Select Board Chair, Eric Remick, adjourned the Public Hearing.

Minutes taken by: _____
Amanda Fecteau, Payroll Administrator

Minutes approved by: _____
Eric Remick, Select Board Chair