

# Minutes

## Community Development Committee

For Meeting of February 3, 2017

The following are the minutes of the February 3, 2017 CDC meeting

### Attendees:

Chuck Renneker

Evan Miller

Anne Krieg

Nel Ely

Justin McIver

Steve Rickert

Phyllis Roth

Peter Dubrule

Bob McHatton

Seven (7) applicants for CDBG monies to fund community service programs made presentations concerning the purposes for which the monies would be used and the benefits that would be provided.

The following is a summary of the presentations:

1. Family Crises Center Requested \$4000
  - a. Funds used for staff to provide confidential help to victims of domestic violence.
  - b. All funds used for Bridgton residents
  - c. Request increased because loss of funds from the United Funds.
2. Bridgton Food Pantry. Requested \$7,500
  - a. Funding request for Bridgton Food Pantry and St Peters combined
  - b. Use of funds:
    - i. Transportation from Good Shepard
    - ii. Purchase food
  - c. Not only food but household items provided.
  - d. Large percentage of patronage seniors.
  - e. In spite of improving economy demand has increased
3. Community Center Navigator program. Requested \$6,100
  - a. Provides assistance to individuals to resolve financial and issues that may be difficult because of age, lack of experience and knowledge.
  - b. The funds are used to pay a stipend to the administer of the program
  - c. The administrator's experience and contacts has quickly resolved issues for approximately 130 Bridgton citizens.

4. Fuel Assistance Requested - \$3,000
  - a. This has been a long funded program
  - b. Fuel pricing is provided through the Town's contract.
  - c. The fund presently has a reserve
  - d. Carmen said that private funding is easily obtains with phone calls
5. Community Center Kettle Dinners – Requested \$2,000
  - a. This is a long standing program that provides meals to all with not pre - qualifications
  - b. Private organizations pay and/or provide staffing for the meals. The Community Center pay for food and provide for staffing when others do not.
  - c. Seniors tend to be the common attendees.
6. Recreation Department Summer Camp. Requested \$12,500
  - a. The funding is used to give scholarships to those children that qualify.
  - b. Those paying and receiving scholarships are about 50/50.
  - c. Without the funding the camp is not viable.
  - d. The Camp has been well received during the first 2 years.
7. Back Pack Program – Requested \$5,000
  - a. Through the schools provides food to qualifying children to take home on weekends.
  - b. The need was discussed and found to be strongly needed.
  - c. Presently food is purchased thought local groceries. It was suggested that in the future the schools work through the food pantry to reduce food cost.

The committee members asked pointed questions about;

1. How screening of individuals to determine need was accomplished. Some had none, others have forms completed on trust and some have secondary documentation.
2. Program and Town staff were questioned on the work and hours required for accounting of the programs including satisfying the CDBG's requirements.