

PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE
TOWN OF WINCHESTER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The Winchester Board of Selectmen will hold two consecutive public hearings on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winchester Town Hall, 1 Richmond Road, Winchester, NH, to hear public comment on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application proposal to the NH Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). CDBG funds are awarded on a competitive basis for housing, public facilities, economic development, and emergency projects which have primary benefit to low- and moderate-income persons. A municipality can apply for up to \$500,000 in CDBG funds per year in each of the following project categories: housing, public facilities, economic development, and microenterprise technical assistance. Municipalities can also apply for up to \$500,000 in emergency grant funds, and \$25,000 for feasibility studies annually.

The proposal to be considered by the Board of Selectmen is a CDBG application to be submitted by Town of Winchester in an amount up to \$23,500. The funds, less administrative costs, will be used to engage a consultant to complete an engineering feasibility study for the construction of an accessible ramp at the Winchester Town Beach. The study would assess the feasibility and cost of constructing an accessible ramp to the Beach, which serves as an important recreational amenity for the Town of Winchester and a major public access point to Forest Lake. A second public hearing will be held to adopt the Town's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan specific to this project.

Those interested are invited to attend and comment. Please contact the Winchester Board of Selectmen's office at (603) 239-4951 in advance if you have a disability or need assistance in attending or participating in the hearings. Anyone wishing to submit written comments prior to the hearings should address them to the Winchester Board of Selectmen, 1 Richmond Road, Winchester, NH 03470.