

# **Minutes**

## **Public Hearing**

### **Camden Town Council**

**March 13, 2007**

#### **Office of Community and Rural Affairs**

#### **Community Focus Fund, State Development Block Grant**

The public hearing for the Community Focus Fund CDBG Wastewater Project was called to order by Council President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Member Andy Robison, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and twenty-one guests. Brad Cline of Municipal Civil Corp. and Amy Miller of Cornerstone Grants Management were introduced and spoke on the project.

Mr. Cline reviewed the list of items in the wastewater system that will be improved and necessary upgrades to meet state mandates. A brief listing include: reworking the system's head-works, a mag meter, covers for the lagoons to help maintain the ammonia levels, aeration system, polishing reactor, UV system, and improvements to the building.

These costs will be covered by a grant and loan as explained by Ms. Miller. The town will apply for a CFFG in the amount of \$500,000 and a Revolving Loan for \$250,000 which will provide the local match. The town has been in the process of applying for the funding for almost two years. The grant application will be submitted this Friday and the grant awards will be announced in mid May. If funding is secured, the construction should begin in late fall of 2007. If the application does not score high enough for funding, another application will be submitted in the fall with possible construction in 2008. This is a very competitive grant per Ms. Miller. Ninety to one hundred applications will be submitted for this round with funding available for only thirty to thirty-six.

Mr. Wagoner stressed how critical it is for the town to get funding to make improvements to the wastewater. The community could not afford to make the necessary improvements without help from the grant.

Being as there were no other questions or comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 by a motion from Mr. Robison.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

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Andrew Robison, Member

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Michele Everett, Member

ATTEST:

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P.A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer