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TOWN OF ESSEX PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES September 6, 2017

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Essex, Connecticut, held a Public Hearing at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the Essex Town Hall in Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue, Essex, Connecticut.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the Town's current 2015 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input and to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss the current project of Public Housing Modernization at Essex Court. The public hearing gave citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program. The public was encouraged to attend to provide the Town of Essex with input and to assure that public participation remains an integral part of the Small Cities process.

Peter Huckins, Grant Administrator, explained that the Town of Essex received a \$635,000 for the 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing. The funds were awarded to address ten (10) septic system repairs in addition to kitchen and bathroom upgrades at Essex Court. The contract totals to date are as follows:

Septic Repairs:	Original Contract	\$305,950.00
	Change Order	(\$ 81,440.00)
	Total Contract	\$224,510.00
Kitchen/Bath:	Original Contract	\$198,925.00
	Change Orders	\$136,602.40
	Total Contract	\$335,527.40
Grant Construction line item:		\$561,500.00
Total remaining not under contract:		\$ 1,462.60

He then talked about how the septic repairs were completed and the other upgrades were still in progress. Mr. Huckins expressed concern about how difficult it has been to work with both the Architect and the Contractor hired to do the kitchen and bathroom upgrades. The project is six months behind schedule and it has been very difficult to get required paperwork from the contractor. The budget period for this grant ends September 30th. Mr. Huckins along with Janice Atkinson of the Essex Housing Authority stated that they are working hard to resolve issues with the Architect and Contractor in order to comply with the September 30th deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Lucarelli,
Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

