

TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development
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MEETING AGENDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Location:

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082

Time:

6:30 PM

CALL-IN OPTION TO PARTICIPATE:

Phone number:

929-205-6099

Meeting ID:

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Passcode:

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<u>Instructions for call-in option</u>: Call the phone number above and enter the Meeting ID when prompted. Join online: https://zoom.us/join

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Administrative
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes from October 17th, 2022.
- 3. Review Financial Accounts
 - a. Through October 31st, 2022.
- 4. Approval of Septic Loan Program Application
 - a. Joseph and Elaine Siok 33 Meadow Road
- 5. Updates
 - a. CDBG
 - i. FY2021: Façade Improvement program
 - 1. Update on Design Review Committee Progress
 - Update on Cottage Street
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of next projects for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - b. Discussion on distressed assets
- 7. New Business
 - a. Any items that the Chair did not anticipate including in this agenda prior to the meeting
- 8. Ancillary Discussion
- 9. Adjourn

Note: This agenda lists items that are reasonably anticipated by the Chairman to be discussed at the meeting. Other items may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. The general public is invited to attend this and all meetings of the Ware Community Development Authority.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes from **Monday, October 17th, 2022** Select Board Room, Town Hall

CDA Members Present: Danielle Souza, Chair

John Carroll (Remote)

Tiffany Menard

Rhiannon Gresty (Remote) S.K. "Rob" Robinson

CDA Members Absent: Brandy Bruso

Public:

Staff Present: Rob Watchilla, PCD Director

Kristen Jacobsen, PCD Admin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chair D. Souza called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2022 meeting

Motion made by J. Carroll to approve the meeting minutes from September 12, 2022. Seconded by SK Robinson.

D. Souza AyeJ. Carroll AyeR. Gresty AbsentS. Robinson Aye

All in Favor. Approved 4/0/0.

Review Financial Accounts

Through September 30th, 2022

R. Watchilla stated there has not been much activity in the accounts with the exception of the interest payment in the cash account.

D. Souza asked if anyone had questions regarding the financial accounts. The board did not.

Updates

- R. Watchilla inquired if the CDBG & FY2020-CV: Social Services & Microenterprises programs were still active. T. Menard answered stating they were basically wrapped up.
- T. Menard stated they were awaiting Tighe & Bond, however, the weather has been a factor. R. Watchilla asked what amount they were looking for. T. Menard answered saying it was approximately in the \$60,000.00 dollar range. The thought is to have that portion completed by January 20th, 2022, in advance of the next grant cycle in March 2023.
- D. Souza asked the board if anyone had any questions. There was no further discussion
- R. Gresty joined

FY2021: Façade Improvement program

- T. Menard stated she had received 17 applications, however there was a misunderstanding with the application per project format. There had been a few applications which listed numerous projects on the same application.
- D. Souza asked what difficulties people had filling out the applications. R. Watchilla stated some people needed assistance determining a good project idea and other smaller tasks.
- D. Souza and R. Watchilla discussed how the funds might be dispersed between projects and what criteria the board might use to do so. The board also discussed the method in which the contractors would be paid. D. Souza suggested a two-party check to the business owner and the contractor.

The board discussed what the process for choosing contractors might be and if it would be wise to group like projects together to maximize the amount of business owners the grant would be able to help. Also, the board discussed with S. Beckley the process in which the funds could be allotted to the differing projects.

The board discussed the prospective role of the design committee and that it would be further discussed during the design review meeting October 19, 2022, at 5:30pm. R. Watchilla confirmed with S. Beckley that three quotes were needed only if the jobs were \$10,000.00 or greater.

- D. Souza inquired if the business owners had in mind, if they would prefer to have the legwork done for them. R. Watchilla responded that he had not received that as feedback and had told the applicants that it could be done on a case by case basis and could depend on project size. Also, they discussed the best way to maximize the effect the upgrades would have on Main St.
- J. Carroll added that the types of projects sought after may be dependent on whether the applicant was the building or business owner.
- R. Watchilla stated that they received few applications from business owners. He surmised that some business owners may have gotten the impression since they didn't own the building that they couldn't apply.
- D. Souza inquired what the status of an upgraded sign would be if the business owner left. R. Watchilla said he believed that decision would lie with the business owner and their landlord. R. Gresty stated she believed it would be a contract between the business owner and the landlord.

- D. Souza stated the overall objective was to enhance the Main St. SK Robinson inquired if it was possible to argue for the improvements to stay with the building if the business vacated the space. D. Souza agreed saying there it may be easier to rent out the vacated space if it already has a sign. R. Gresty stated that they may need to look into the ease of which the sign could be replaced for the new business. SK Added that they may want to explore options which allow for interchangeability.
- D. Souza proposed compiling all projects of like types together to ease the review process.
- S. Beckley asked if any funds had been set aside for design.
- J. Carroll inquired if PVPC was offering funding to ad accessibility for seniors. T. Menard stated they were not.

The board discussed different possible community projects.

New Business

The board discussed vacant and distressed buildings. S.K. discussed methods for locating vacant buildings and what types of properties he had found. He found that Ware has an inordinate amount of real estate owned properties and there are also vacant properties locked in probate. The board discussed options for those types of properties. S.K. suggested having a conversation about eminent domain for distressed properties.

- R. Watchilla spoke of the Vacant Unit Bylaw that A. Marques was working on
- R. Watchilla cautioned the use of the phrase eminent domain.
- S.K mentioned redevelopment organizations that would be responsible as opposed to the town itself.
- R. Watchilla and S.K. discussed the Ware Housing authority and the differences between that and a development authority.
- D. Souza mentioned that Ware would benefit have a selection of HUD approved homes to help lower income residents.

ADJOURN

Motion made by J. Carroll to adjourn meeting at 7:31 pm. Seconded by R. Gresty.

D. Souza Aye
J. Carroll Aye
R. Gresty Aye
R. Robinson Aye
All in favor. Approved 4/0/1.

NEXT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING DATE

The next Community Development Authority meeting with be held Monday, November 21st, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from October 17th, 2022 Respectfully submitted by,

Kristen Jacobsen Admin Planning & Community Development

Minutes A	Approved on:
Souza _	
Carroll	
Bruso	
Robinson	
Gresty	

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	Cash Account (1054) "Grants Funds"								
		General Use / U	CC's	paid from th	his acc				ough this account IF GRANT IS NOT FUNDED / Misc Expenses
						General	Use /	Statements C	Come from Town/Erica
Date	Warrant #	Check Name / From Whom		Deposit		Spent		Balance	Notes
							STAR		L YEAR 2023
7/7/2022		Carnival Police Detail			\$	4,000.00			Reimbursed to GF on 8/29/22
7/13/2022		212 Belchertown Road HR			\$	3,600.00			Reimbursed to GF on 8/29/22
7/14/2022		P&H Excavating			\$	9,700.00			Emergency Repair at Memorial Field (Excavation) Reimbursed to GF on 8/29/22
7/20/2022		PVPC	\$	3,864.22			\$	71,036.44	Payroll reimbursement 4/8-4/22/22 and partial 5/7-6/4/22
7/31/2022		Interest	\$	8.74			\$		Balance July
8/22/2022		PVPC	\$	2,884.62			\$	73,929.80	Payroll reimbursement 6/18 - 7/2/22 check # 1658
8/29/2022		Transfer to General Fund			\$	30,345.55	\$	43,584.25	(FTHB Lombardo, 212 Belchertown Road HR, P&H Excavating, Carnival)
8/31/2022		PVPC	\$	4,451.58			\$	48,035.83	Payroll reimbursement
8/31/2022		Interest	\$	8.82			\$	48,044.65	Balance August
9/30/2022		Interest	\$	5.92			\$		Balance September
10/31/2022		Interest	\$	6.12			\$	48,056.69	Balance October
				COMMITT	TED F	UNDS			
		First Time Homebuyers			\$	5,000.00	\$	43,056.69	
		Park Avenue Sewer			\$	35,000.00	\$	8,056.69	
		Emergency Repair at Memorial			.	0 200 00	<u></u>	F 7F / / O	to 700 · 1 / 1 / 05 / 0/00/00
		Field			\$	2,300.00	\$	5,756.69	\$9,700 reimbursed to GF on 8/29/22
							\$	5,756.69	AVAILABLE BALANCE

Program Income (0501)

Operating expenses and other activity / Interest Bearing Account

	Transfer	Inte	rest	Expenditure	Balance
Jun-22					\$ 750.00
Jul-22	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Aug-22		\$	=	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Sep-22		\$	-	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Oct-22		\$	-	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Nov-22		\$	-	\$ -	
Dec-22		\$	-	\$ -	
Jan-23		\$	-	\$ -	
Feb-23		\$	-	\$ -	
Mar-23		\$	-	\$ -	
Apr-23		\$	=	\$ -	
May-23		\$	-	\$ -	
Jun-23		\$	-	\$ -	
				Remaining Balance	\$ 750.00

If CDBG HR Loan Recaptures account is over \$35k, then transfer money from there into here

Statements comes from PVPC

Balanced As of: 10/31/2022

Committed

\$ 750.00	AVAILABLE BALANCE

Housing Rehabilitation Loan Payment
Turn Checks over to Country Bank Account 1462134 / Statements from Town/Darlene Internal Account 3110-000-4801-000

Date	Check Number	Withdrawn	n Deposit Inte		Deposit Interest			Balance	Payment Number / Month	
	START OF FISCAL YEAR 2023									
07/01/22			\$	202.63			\$	5,739.76	HR Payment #32	
07/05/22			\$	980.00			\$	6,719.76	HR Loan Payoff FY08/09	
07/26/22			\$	64.00			\$	6,783.76	HR Payment #44	
07/31/22					\$	0.84	\$	6,784.60	Statement Balance - July	
08/02/22			\$	96.71			\$	6,881.31	HR Payment #95	
08/04/22			\$	202.63			\$	7,083.94	HR Payment #33	
08/18/22			\$	12,159.00			\$	19,242.94	HR Loan Payoff FY13 - 24 Clinton St	
08/22/22			\$	64.00			\$	19,306.94	HR Payment #45	
08/31/22					\$	1.61	\$	19,308.55	Statement Balance - August	
09/01/22			\$	96.71			\$	19,405.26	HR Payment #96	
09/06/22			\$	202.63			\$	19,607.89	HR Payment #34	
09/22/22			\$	64.00			\$	19,671.89	HR Payment #46	
09/22/22			\$	3,461.20			\$	23,133.09	HR Loan Payoff FY08	
09/30/22					\$	2.54	\$	23,135.63	Statement Balance - September	
10/06/22			\$	96.71			\$	23,232.34	HR Payment #97	
10/06/22			\$	202.63			\$	23,434.97	HR Payment #35	
10/06/22			\$	64.00			\$	23,498.97	HR Payment #47	
10/31/22			\$	96.71			\$	23,595.68	HR Payment #98	
10/31/22					\$	2.99	\$	23,598.67	Statement Balance - October	



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SEPTIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT LOAN APPLICATION

Homeowner Information	
Name: JOSEPH & ELAINE SIOK Address: 33 MEADOW RD, WARE, M	
Address: 33 MEADOW RD, WARE, M	1A 01082
Mailing Address (if different from above):	
Phone (Home): 413 - 967 - 3830	
Phone (Work):	
Phone (Mobile): 4/13 - 8/3 - 8/0/	
Which is the best number to reach you? Home 🗹 Work	Mobile X
E.mail address:	47600K . COX9
Level of Need	
If known, please provide information on the type of repairs need	ded.
a. New soil absorption system (SAS) only	
b. Entirely NEW septic system	
c. Repairs to only parts of the system	
d. To connect to Ware's existing sewer system	
Cost Estimates	
If known, please provide information on the costs of repairs.	
Engineering soil evaluation and design	\$ 3,200.00
Estimated costs of repair, replacement or connection	\$ 22,500.00
Contingency amount (20%) for project	\$
Total Loan Estimate	\$

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Pre-application received: _		
Application received:	11/15/2022	
	(1) (3) (4)	
Date Approved:		
AOP Recorded Date:	Book/Page:	
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Complete Septic Service, LLC

44 Mercier Dr Belchertown, MA 01007 US 4133234327 completeseptic@gmail.com

www.completesepticservice.com

ADDRESS

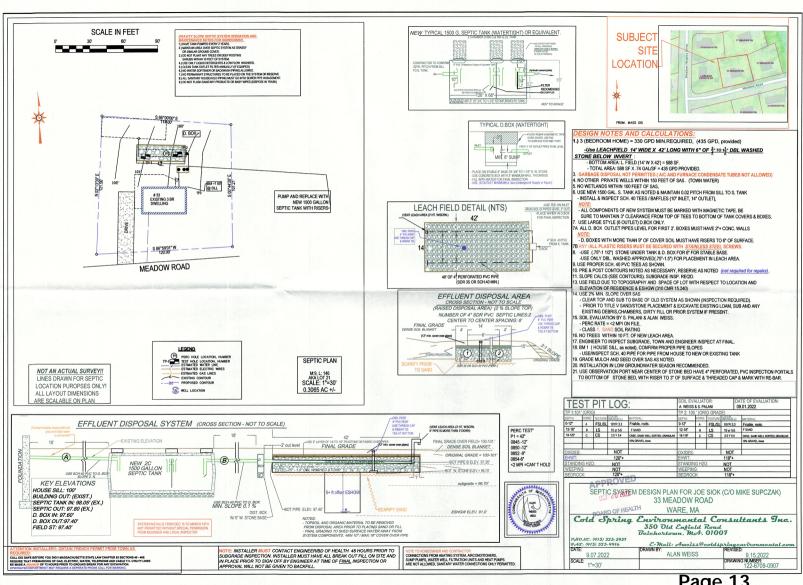
Joe Siok 33 Meadow Rd. Ware, MA 01082

ESTIMATE #	DATE	
2227	10/25/2022	

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Install new septic system according to engineered plan	1	22,500.00	22,500.00
Pump and remove existing septic tank Install new 1500 gal two compartment septic tank Dig out SAS area Install new 14'x'42' leach field Grade all disturbed areas with topsoil Rake, seed and hay topsoil			
Extra care will be taken on blacktop driveway but Complete Septic Service LLC. is not responsible for damage due to large trucks and equipment.			
Complete Septic Service LLC. is not responsible for damage to sprinkler lines.			
Tree behind driveway may need to be temporarily relocated but Complete Septic Service LLC. is not responsible for damage.			

TOTAL \$22,500.00

Accepted By Accepted Date **Estimate**



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Ware Project Ideas

Connected Corridors

- Improve the connection between Pleasant Street parking and dog park with Main Street
- Create and strengthen connection between West Street and Downtown
- Connecting rail trail to Gilbertville
- Pedestrian bridge between neighborhoods off South Street and West Street
 - o Possible connection to the baseball field as well
 - o Explore other public space options along riverside

West Street Improvements

- ADA-Accessibility Downtown and on West Street
- Pedestrian blinker signs along church street
- mosaic project on west street to seal cracks

<u>Cultural Events/Programming/Public Services</u>

- Child care space
- Outdoor gathering space downtown that could support food trucks (Dog Park Parking Lot/Millyard)
- Movie night at vet park some kind of cultural programming "____Nights"

Public Realm

- Alternate route for heavy trucks and machinery away from Main Street
- Filling in missing segments of sidewalk (as needed)
- Filling in vacant lots (esp 110-114 Main and the lot between Nat Falk and WRN)
- Street furniture
- Community garden
- Nenameseck Park Open Street
 - Close off the section of Street between the park and the Bank
 - Open the fenced area to the public
 - o See diagram:
- Youth center
- Community pool
- Refurbishing of Ware Dreams Come True Park
- Crossing light at intersection of Pulaski and South Streets (In front of Grenville Park)
- Lighting water falls located at the intersection of South and East Main Streets
- Pleasant Street Dog Park parking lot repaving



Private Realm

- Filling vacant properties
- Filling in vacant lots (esp 110-114 Main and the lot between Nat Falk and WRN)
- Splash park
- Home Drinking Water System Filter Program
- Field Trip Fund for Low Income Families
- Winter Home Fuel Assistance Program

Parking Management

- Address feeling of lack of parking
- Parking standards via Zoning Code (e.x. adjusting mins/maxes) and/or implementation/study of Parking Benefit District
- Study to determine whether or not Ware has enough parking (this could shed light on parking benefits district as well)

Policy and Governance

- Increased support/ease for both large events and other uses of public space (outdoor dining and temporary outdoor retail events)

SNB District

- Address lack of adequate lighting
- Renovation of St. Mary's School? (CDBG Funds can be used to renovate closed school buildings)