

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ISLIP
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
5:00 PM**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m., by Chairwoman Debra Cavanagh. Present for the Town of Islip Community Development Board of Director's was Manuel Troche and Maria Vidal. Present for the Town of Islip was Supervisor Angie Carpenter. Present for the CDA was Executive Director James H. Bowers, Assistant Director Julia MacGibbon, Chief Financial Officer Renee Sumpter, Affordable Housing Director Robert M. Kuri, Maria Vasquez, ERAP Program Administrator and Robert Balina, ERAP/EMAP Program Coordinator.

An extensive mailing was distributed to local civic and business groups, not-for-profits and Village Consortium members. In addition, advertisements were placed in Newsday and Suffolk County News to notify all interested parties of the public hearing.

List of other attendees was as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Michele DiBenedetto	Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc.
Myrissa A. Stone	Habitat for Humanity of Long Island, Inc.
Maidaya Maldonado	Liga de Justice Foundation
Joan Minniti	Central Islip Civic Council, Inc.
Diane Manders	Habitat for Humanity of Long Island, Inc.
Bob Petterson	YMCA, Bay Shore
MaryAnn Pfeiffer	West Islip Youth Enrichment Services, Inc
Mike McGrath	West Islip Youth Enrichment Services, Inc
Robyn Berger-Gaston	Family Service League, Inc.
Anna Elena Poppe	Long Island Housing Services, Inc.
Jill Gallant	VHB
John Diaz	United Way of Long Island
James Morgo	New Hour for Women and Children
Vivian Hart	Pronto of Long Island, Inc.
Skyler Johnson	New Hour for Women and Children

The Town of Islip Supervisor, Angie Carpenter welcomed all attendees and thanked the CDA for administering the programs on behalf of the Town and turned the meeting over to James H. Bowers, Executive Director, who then introduced all CDA Staff and stated that Spanish translation was available. The Executive Director then explained the purpose of the meeting was to report on progress, to give citizens an opportunity to comment, to present new proposals and to discuss community development and housing needs in general, as well as any Fair Housing needs. He then presented the following required information:

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Estimated Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2023:

1. Community Development Block Grant Program – \$2 Million
2. HOME Program - \$675,000
3. Emergency Solutions Grant – \$175,00.00
4. Program Income - \$1,000,000
5. Possibility of Additional Stimulus Funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic – currently unknown

The Town of Islip CDA also anticipates receiving \$2.38 million under the HOME-ARP for the development of permanent affordable rental housing for homeless seniors. A copy of the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation plan is on the CDA website and on the table for review.

James H. Bowers then reviewed all of the following:

- Eligible Activities for Grant Funding
- Performance from the 6/30/22 CAPER-copies are available
- Copies of our Relocation and Anti-Displacement Policy are available
- Deadline for submission of proposals 3/28/23

Chairwoman Cavanagh called upon non-profits and general citizens to make comments and Board members may ask questions.

Public Session

All attendees of the Public Meeting were invited to speak about their projects or issues. The following individuals addressed the Board:

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| 1. | Joan Minniti | Central Islip Civic Council, Inc. |
| 2. | Bob Peterson | YMCA of Bay Shore |
| 3. | Maidaya Maldonado | Liga de Justice Foundation |
| 4. | Anna Elena Poppe | Long Island Housing Services, Inc. |
| 5. | Robyn Berger-Gaston | Family Service League, Inc. |
| 6. | Michele DiBenedetto | Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc. |
| 7. | James Morgo | New Hour for Women and Children |
| 8. | Diane Manders | Habitat for Humanity of Long Island, Inc. |
| 9. | Myrnissa A. Stone | Habitat for Humanity of Long Island, Inc |
| 10. | MaryAnn Pfeiffer | West Islip Youth Enrichment Services, Inc. |

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- 11. Skyler Johnson
- 12. John Diaz
- 13. Vivian Hart

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Pronto of Long Island, Inc.

There being no more speakers, the meeting closed at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia E. MacGibbon
Assistant Secretary

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