

Putnam County Attorney

Item #4. Procedure for Comment /Legislative Chairwoman Nacerino

Chairwoman Nacerino stated anyone wishing to speak regarding the submittal of an application for the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist with the cost of renovating and constructing a proposed Kent Senior Center should go to the podium, state their name and the town in which they reside. She stated there would be no cross discussion with the members of the Legislature. She stated this is the Legislators opportunity to hear from the public. She stated if anyone does have a question, to please leave their name and contact information with the Clerk and a response will be sent promptly.

Chairwoman Nacerino requested that anyone who was present for the purpose of the Public Hearing, please sign in on the "Sign-In Sheet" located at the podium.

Lynne A. Eckardt, Southeast Councilwoman stated after she learned of the application for the CFA, she contacted the Town of Kent Supervisor Maureen Fleming to discuss it. She stated she learned that Supervisor Fleming knew nothing about this matter and what the Town of Kent officials are looking to bring to the residents of the Town of Kent is a community center. She stated her question, although there is no cross talk, she must ask, "when will there be communication with the Towns?" She stated although the Legislature believes this \$300,000 is not taxpayer money in the County, it is New York State taxpayers' money. She stated that everyone is well aware of her irritation with the proposed sewer district in the Town of Southeast. She stated that is another project that was never discussed with any of the Town of Southeast elected officials. She stated that she believes it to be very important that the County and Towns start working together. She stated that she believes the current way is a very ineffective way to govern. She stated also she believes this is a waste of taxpayer funding to apply for a grant for a Senior Center when in fact the Town of Kent wants a Community Center. She stated she would like the Legislature to hold off on this application. She stated that she is aware that there is a deadline for the grant application. She stated that she believes strongly, at the least, that there should be discussion had with the elected officials of the Town of Kent.

Bill Nulk, Carmel/Kent Chambers stated the way granting is done now in New York State, it is difficult to find completely pertinent grant applications. He stated that this grant (CDBG) is very close to an initial attempt to getting something done along the Route 52 corridor. He stated the position of the business community is if there is any kind of business going, not-for profit, community oriented not necessarily commercial but getting some kind of business activity going on the Route 52 corridor is appropriate. He stated if you do not apply for a grant you are sure not to receive funding. He stated he supports submitting the CDBG grant application. He stated if the County is awarded the funding then the strictures can be reviewed and if the County determines that the project and work cannot be in while working within the strictures, then the County does not accept the grant funding.

There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, at 6:08 p.m., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Trabulsy, Deputy Clerk.