

TOWN OF PREBLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Preble was awarded \$750,000 in fiscal year 2012 funds under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. CDBG funds were awarded to facilitate the location of North East Transformer Services in the Town. The project will result in the retention of approximately 44 jobs in the area and create an additional 10 new jobs. Funds will be used for working capital purposes to support the relocation. Program progress is slightly behind schedule. Additional details on the goals of the program and project progress will be provided at the hearing noted below.

Pursuant to CFR 24 570,486 the Town is required to hold a public hearing during the grant administrative period to provide details with respect to the Program and project progress., solicit comments with respect to funded activities and program administration,, respond to proposals, and answer questions with respect to the CDBG Program or grant activities. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Town, c/o Jane Davenport, Clerk, Box 234, Preble, NY 13141.

This hearing scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:50 PM, will be held at the Town Hall, 1968 Preble Road, Preble, NY. The venue is handicapped accessible. Persons or groups needing other special accommodations should contact Thoma Development prior to the meeting. Thoma was retained by the Town to administer the grants pursuant to a request for proposal process (RFP). They can be reached at 607-753-1433.

The CDBG program is funded under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, as amended. The federal government, pursuant to Title 1, provided fiscal year 2012 CDBG funds to New York State for award and administration

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Supervisor Doring opened the public hearing at 7:54 which is being held regarding the CDBG grant obtained for North East Transformers.

Board members present: Debra Brock, Peter Knapp, and Dave Morse

Others present: Calvin Griswold, Tom VanPatten, Jeff Griswold, Larry Nye, John Steger, Babe Carroll, Bernie Zolla, Betty Ann Pitman, Robert Stone, Arlene Thomas, David Griswold, Renee Compton, Nancy Dalley, James Millis, Melissa Burt, Rick Burt, Amy Bertini, and Rae Hulbert

Linda Armstrong of Thoma Development was given the floor. North East Transformers Services(NETS) relocated to Preble at the Bestdeck property located on Route 281. Their goal: Their project to meet the CDBG National Objective of creating/retaining job opportunities for persons from low-to-moderate income families (LMI). NETS estimated that 9 of the 10 jobs to be created would be available to persons from LMI families. A survey of existing employees showed that 27 of the 44 jobs to be retained were person from LMI families.

Progress: To date, the company is manufacturing in the new facility although a few employees remain at the Cortland facility due to the logistics of moving the largest pieces of equipment. There are a total of 44 jobs at the Preble facility and another 6 in Cortland; the company has added 6 of the town committed jobs. A total of \$516,755 of the \$734,000 committed has been expended. The remaining funds will be used to relocate the largest pieces of equipment which is expected to occur in August of this year, and to purchase testing equipment and small equipment to upgrade the existing lines to handle the volume of work. The complete move is targeted for 2015.

Supervisor Doring closed the public hearing at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Unofficial 5/12/2014  
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Jane W. Davenport  
Town Clerk