NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Request for Release of Funds

On or about November 9th, 2019 the Town of Fair Haven will submit a request to the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (the Agency) to release the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as The Fair Haven Community Center Project for the purpose of creating a community center on the second floor of the Fair Haven Town Offices. The project is located at 5 North Park Place, Fair Haven, Vermont 05743. The total estimated cost of the project is $300,000; approximately $100,000 from the Town of Fair Haven, and $200,000 in CDBG funding. Mitigation measures for the project include compliance with the project’s Section 106 Review to ensure the project results in a No Adverse Effect to architectural historic resources, the removal of an underground storage tank on site and abatement of asbestos containing material.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents environmental determinations for this project is on file at the municipal office of the Town of Fair Haven at 5 North Park Place, Fair Haven, Vermont 05743, and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Fair Haven, Attn: Joseph Gunter, Town Manager. All comments received by November 8th, 2019 will be considered by the Town of Fair Haven prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Environmental Certification

The Town of Fair Haven is certifying to the Agency that Joseph Gunter, in his official capacity as Town Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Agency’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Fair Haven to use CDBG funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Agency will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Fair Haven’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not
executed by the Certifying Officer, Joseph Gunter; (b) the Town has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Agency; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Attn: Environmental Officer, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 6th Floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620. Potential objectors should contact the Agency to verify the actual last date of the objection period.