

**Village of Fort Edward  
Board of Trustees – Public Hearing  
Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Traver called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Trustee Williams, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler  
**Absent:** Trustee Boucher

**Present:** Kyle Cozzens, Mike Girard, Dave Earsing, Jeanie Mullen

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**Summary**

The meeting focused on the process for addressing blighted properties and the upcoming public hearing.

 **Outline**

**1. Blighted Properties and Public Hearing •**

- The meeting discussed the process for addressing blighted properties and the need for a special meeting to facilitate this.
- A resolution must be passed to declare properties blighted before a public hearing can be held, which is a deviation from standard procedure.
- Jim Thatcher, CT Male explained that this specific application needs the public hearing to be set AFTER the resolution has been adopted by the board. Therefore, this public hearing is an informal hearing and the board will set another public hearing to satisfy the application process.

**2. CDBG Funding for Demolition •**

- The state is using federal funds for the demolition of blighted properties for the first time, with applications accepted on a rolling basis.
- The funding is 100% grant-based, but properties must remain vacant for five years to avoid repayment.

**3. Public Hearing Scheduling •**

- A public hearing is scheduled for October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the blighted properties.
- The notice for the public hearing must be published in a local newspaper, with specific deadlines for publication.

A motion to set the PH was made by Trustee **Williams**, seconded by Trustee **Cutler**.

All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to close the informal public hearing at 6:55 p.m. was made by Trustee **Williams**, seconded by Trustee **Cutler**.

All ayes. Motion carried.