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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Berlin will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. ~~via conference call at 1-563-999-2090; pin # 269573~~ to discuss the 2020 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program and to solicit citizen input.

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit to business firms that make cash investments in qualifying community programs conducted by tax exempt or municipal agencies. The community programs must be approved by both the municipality in which the programs are conducted and by the Department of Revenue Services (DRS). A tax credit equal to 100% of the cash invested is available to business firms that invest in energy conservation projects. Tax exempt entities desiring to obtain benefits under the NAA must complete an application and submit it to the municipal agency overseeing the implementation of the proposal. The overseeing municipal agency then completes their portion of the application and submits it to DRS on or before July 1 of each year. Prior to submitting the application to DRS, each municipality must hold a public hearing on all program applications. The governing body of the municipality must vote to approve the programs.

This year, The Prudence Crandall Center submitted two proposals. Prudence Crandall provides a comprehensive array of services in the Berlin community to victims of domestic violence. The first proposal is for energy efficiency. The funds would go towards conservation repairs and improvements which would ultimately save money on operating costs associated with the facility. The second one is to support their Annual Appeal. Funds from the Annual Appeal go towards aiding programs that serve low income people. It would help to provide for emergency housing, counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence as well as support community education and prevention services.

The public hearing will also give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the proposed project. If you are unable to participate in the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037, or you may telephone 860-828-7003. Additional information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday.

All are encouraged to participate. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Jen Ochoa, ADA Coordinator, at 860-828-7010 at least five days prior to the hearing.

The Town of Berlin promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action

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