November 14, 2017

TO: Media

FROM: Teresa Clark, Clerk of the Board  

The Lewis County Board of Legislators will conduct a special meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Legislative Board room at the Court House in Lowville, NY 13367 for the purpose of setting a public hearing date for comments on the 2018 Tentative County Budget, Local Law Intro. No. 4-2017 “Overriding the 2% Tax Cap”, and the waiver for conflict of interest between Snow Belt Housing, Inc. Vice-Chairman and rehabilitation grant recipient. The resolutions are herewith attached.
RESOLUTION NO. 452 - 2017

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 TENTATIVE LEWIS COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced by Legislator Craig Brennan, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with County Law Section 359, the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby sets the public hearing for comments on the 2018 Tentative Lewis County Budget to be held in the second floor board room of the County Court House, State Street, Lowville, New York on the 21st day of November, 2017 to begin at 5:00 p.m.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator ________________, seconded by Legislator ________________, and adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 453 - 2017

FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW
(INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 4 - 2017), COUNTY OF LEWIS

Introduced by Legislator Craig Brennan, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

WHEREAS, there was presented and introduced at a meeting of this Board of Legislators held on November 7, 2017 a proposed Local Law entitled “LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C (A/K/A 2% TAX CAP) FOR THE LEWIS COUNTY 2018 BUDGET.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That a public hearing will be held on November 21, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., before the Lewis County Board of Legislators on the Second Floor Board Room at the Lewis County Courthouse, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York to hear all persons for or against such local law.

Section 2. That at least five (5) days notice of such hearing shall be given by the Clerk of this Board by the due posting thereof upon the bulletin board of the Lewis County Court House, Lowville, New York, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the County.

Moved by Legislator ____________________, seconded by Legislator ________________, and adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 454 - 2017

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON THE GRANT OF A WAIVER FOR A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN SNOW BELT HOUSING COMPANY, INC. VICE-CHAIRMAN AND AN ELIGIBLE REHABILITATION GRANT RECIPIENT

Introduced by Legislator Michael A. Tabolt, Chairman of the Board of Legislators.

WHEREAS, Lewis County (“County”) is a recipient of a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (Lewis County 636HR334-16) which provides rehabilitation assistance to income eligible homeowners in the County; and

WHEREAS, Snow Belt Housing Company, Inc. (“Snow Belt”) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of New York State, with offices located at 7500 South State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, who acts as a sub-recipient to the County by administering said Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to obtain the views of citizens on a potential conflict of interest that is present between Dennis Mastascusa, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Snow Belt and an applicant for housing rehabilitation assistance who is otherwise eligible for the grant funds but for the family relationship between them; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Renewal (OCR) Grant Manual requires that under the CDBG program, an applicant who may have a conflict of interest may need a waiver in order to participate in the CDBG funded activity. Where the municipality that has received CDBG assistance determines, after a public hearing, that a conflict of interest exists but authorizes a waiver, a request for the waiver must be submitted by the local municipality to OCR prior to undertaking any activity on the application under the Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of Legislators seeks to set the public hearing to consider the conflict of interest and determine whether a waiver should be requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lewis County Board of Legislators hereby sets a public hearing to solicit the views of citizens regarding the potential conflict of interest and requested waiver posed by Dennis Mastascusa, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Snow Belt Housing Company, Inc. and the otherwise eligible CDBG housing rehabilitation applicant, to be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse, Legislative Chambers, Second Floor, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367.

Section 2. That public notice of the hearing shall be advertised in accordance with law at least five (5) days prior to the hearing date.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator ________________, seconded by Legislator __________________, and adopted.