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AGENDA

Town of Warren  
Community Development Advisory Committee  
March 18, 2015  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Warren Senior Center

Meeting called by Rich Eichacker, Chair WCDAC

**Advisor:** Chris Dunphy, PVPC

**Committee:** Rich Eichacker  
Bonnie Richard  
Leona Wrobel  
Dario F. Nardi

**6:00 CDAC Meeting:** Opening Remarks, Last meeting minutes

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**6:05 CDBG Update:** Brief review of recent Warren and regional projects as well as general overview of the CDBG program

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**6:10 FY 2013 Warren Property Assessment and Reuse Project (PARP)**

Consultants from Community Opportunities Group (COG) will present initial findings regarding the assessment of distressed, vacant or abandoned properties in town. Over 20 local properties are being evaluated with the goal of identifying some reuse options.

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**6:50 FY 2014 CDBG update (Regional grant with Warren as lead)**

- Housing Rehabilitation: progress, waiting lists, goals, etc.
  - Pleasant Street Improvements
  - Social Services: Adult Learning, Family Support Service, D.V. Prevention
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**7:00 FY 2015 CDBG:** Other proposed projects and regional participation with Brookfield and North Brookfield:

- Housing Rehabilitation
  - Highland Street Improvements
  - Brookfield Senior/Senior Center Planning
  - North Brookfield/North Common Street Improvements
  - Public Social Services/Domestic Violence Prevention: The CDAC will consider any proposals
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**7:15 Final Comments:** Next meeting

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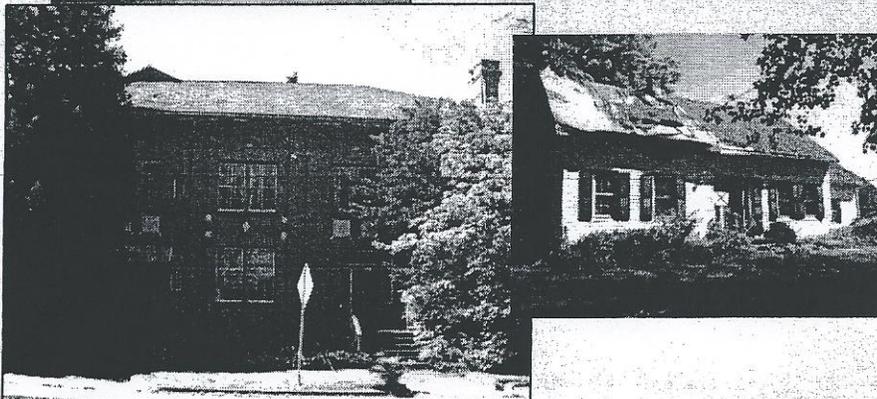
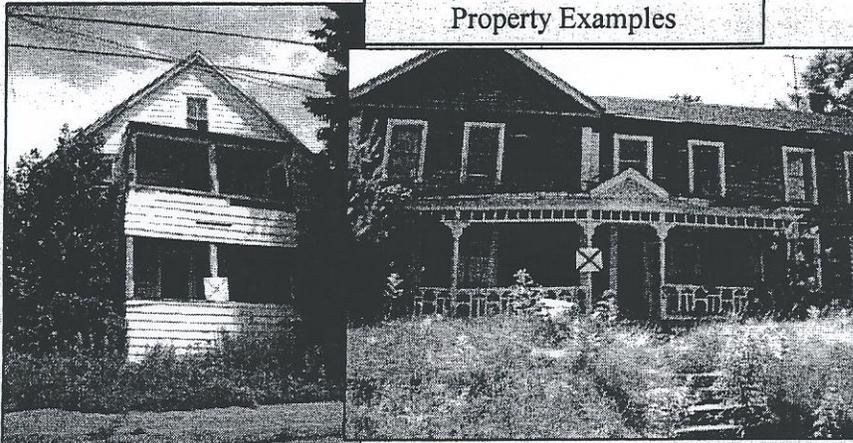


**Town of Warren  
Community Development Block Grant Program**

**Property Assessment & Reuse Planning**

The Warren Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will hold a public meeting to consider potential actions for 25 identified distressed properties in Warren.

Property Examples



**Please join us!**  
  
**Wednesday,  
March 18, 2015  
6:00 PM**  
  
**Warren Senior Center  
2252 Main Street  
West Warren**  
  
Community Opportunities  
Group, Inc., consultants  
from Boston, Ma will help  
lead the discussion.



The group will also discuss other CDBG activities including the availability of housing rehabilitation assistance, adult learning services, various infrastructure projects and funding assistance to combat the incidences of domestic violence.

*For more information, call:*

**Chris Dunphy at Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (413) 781-6045, cdunphy@pvpc.org  
or Bill Scanlan, Town Planner, at 413-436-5701, ext. 100**

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WARREN REVITALIZATION STUDY  
SEEKS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Warren Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) invites residents to participate in a dialogue about revitalizing abandoned and distressed properties. The CDAC will sponsor a public forum to consider a host of potential actions for 25 distressed properties throughout the Town. The meeting will take place on:

**Date:** Wednesday, March 18, 6:00  
**Location:** The Warren Senior Center  
**Address:** 2252 Main Street in West Warren

The CDAC is sponsoring the forum to review preliminary results of the Property Assessment and Re-use Planning Project (PARP). With the assistance of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Warren received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assess 25 distressed properties and make recommendations for improvements. The Town hired Community Opportunities Group (COG) to undertake the analysis, and the consultants will be on-hand to discuss their findings and recommendations.

These properties may be vacant, abandoned, underutilized, or in the foreclosure process. COG assessed their physical condition and estimated costs for repairs. The consulting team identified site limitations such as zoning constraints, infrastructure shortcomings, soil contamination, and foreclosure status. Armed with factual information, the consultants prepared a redevelopment strategy customized for each site. Actions may include referral to programs that offer rehabilitation assistance, homeowner counseling, reuse or redevelopment suitability, and as a last resort, property demolition.

The Consultants are prepared to discuss the results of their findings for individual properties and for the Town as a whole. The public will have a valuable opportunity to offer their suggestions for attacking this problem. Public comment is critical for shaping the Town's revitalization agenda for years to come. If no action is taken, the properties will continue to deteriorate and will negatively affect surrounding property values, present health and safety issues, and lead to decline of entire neighborhoods.

The CDAC encourages residents who are concerned about the Town's future to actively participate in this project by voicing their views and attending this informative workshop. The group will also briefly discuss other activities funded through the CDBG including housing rehabilitation, Pleasant and Highland Street Improvements in West Warren, Adult Learning services and ongoing assistance to combat the incidences of Domestic Violence. For more information, please contact Bill Scanlan, Town Planner, at 413-436-5701, ext. 100, or Chris Dunphy at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, at 413-781-6045.

This project and other ongoing community development activities are funded through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program.

*Nancy J. Lowell* 3-9-15