

Minutes to the Public hearing on a RESTORE NY grant funding program held on September 26, 2007 @ 7pm at the Johnsburg Library, 219 Main Street, North Creek, New York.

Town Board member present were Supervisor Thomas, Councilpersons/ Mr. Arnold Stevens, Mr. Sterling Goodspeed.

Supervisor Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm.
Candace Lomax, Account Clerk, sat in for William Rawson, Town clerk, who was on vacation, read the legal ad from the News Enterprise dated Saturday September 22, 2007.

Supervisor Thomas introduced Ms. Pat Tatich, Director of Warren County Planning. Pat summarized the Restore NY grant as an opportunity to get involved with a program that will maximize the current Main Street program, and focus on properties that are underutilized and in need of more resources. Ms. Tatich stated representatives from the Empire State Development Corporation visited the area and looked at potential projects that meet the requirements. Requirements that are driving the project are 70% vacancy and underutilization. Ms. Tatich feels Johnsburg's application will be looked upon positively due to the perimeters of our Empire Zone and the fit with the current Main Street Program.

Pat has met with each possible awardee, and agrees to assist the Town, who is the sponsor, by making the County Planning Department available for assistance with executing and advising on the requirements of this grant.

Sharon Taylor, owner of the Alpine Lodge, commented that she is thrilled to be part of the "rebirth" of North Creek.

Chop Tank Mills Associates owner, Mike Bowers, noted the grant project is unexpected and a very encouraging venture, stating "I believe in this town, things are happening here."

Pat further noted the dollars will be allocated on a per square foot cost by classification of materials used.

RESOLUTION #267

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens:

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnsburg, as lead agent and sponsor, is submitting an application to the New York State Empire State Development Corporation for a RESTORE NY grant.

WHEREAS, the Town of Johnsbury desires to improve the downtown business areas through available assistance to building owners in a manner consistent with community plans and development strategies, and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to assist participating businesses with funding provided by Empire State Development Corporation through the Restore NY Communities Initiative, to the extent of the threshold authorized by legislation, and

WHEREAS, participating property owners have expressed their strong interest to receive assistance and will provide at least the required 10 percent match.

WHEREAS, the Town will provide the \$250.00 application fee and has conducted the necessary Public Hearing, and as the grant sponsor will accept assistance from the County Planning Department

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town after receiving comment, authorized the Town Supervisor to sign all necessary application documents.

With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 3 (Thomas, Stevens, Goodspeed) Nays -0

JoAnn Smith inquired about new lighting and trees for Main Street, Pat Tatich stated that would be next. Councilmen Stevens asked about burying overhead wires on Main Street. Supervisor Thomas commented this would be possible in conjunction with another project that would require digging up Main Street, such as water main replacement or the installation of a sewer district.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmen Stevens, seconded by Mr. Arsenault at 7:46 pm. With all members voting to close the public hearing the resolution carried. Ayes – 3(Thomas, Stevens, Goodspeed) Nays -0