

Webster Town Board

March 9, 2023

A workshop meeting of the Webster Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Flaherty at 5:30 p.m. at the Webster Town Board Meeting Room, 1002 Ridge Road, Webster, New York, with the following officials present:

Supervisor Thomas J. Flaherty
Councilman William G. Abbott
Councilman John J. Cahill
Councilwoman Ginny L. Nguyen
Town Clerk Dorothy M. Maguire

Absent:

Councilwoman Patricia T. Cataldi
Town Attorney Charles J. Genese

Department Heads Present:

Community Development Director.....Josh Artuso
Finance Director..... Paul Adams
Parks and Recreation Director Chris Bilow
Town Engineer.....Mary Herington

The Town Board was presented with a proposed Resolution to consider authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign a Town Support Letter for the submission of a FAST NY Grant Application.

Under New York’s FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide up to \$200 million in grants to prepare and develop sites statewide to jumpstart New York’s shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers, including high-tech manufacturing, particularly semiconductor manufacturing, interstate distribution and logistics businesses. The program will help diversify New York State’s economy while propelling new investments for businesses, communities, and job creation.

Matt Chatfield, Webster Economic Development Alliance, appeared before the Town Board to provide the reason the Town Board has been asked to consider the submission of a FAST NY Grant Application. He stated that the Town currently has one tract that would be considered a higher priority. It is a 100-acre facility on the eastern end of Tebor Road. The property has been garnering quite a bit of attention within the State with several prospects interested in the property. The grant program would allow the Town to secure funding that would be proactive in upgrading infrastructure, in particular, the consideration of investing in a roadway extension, some sanitary sewers and potentially the expansion of capacity as needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Resolution No. 114: MOTION Councilman Abbott, seconded by Councilwoman Nguyen, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a Town Support Letter for a FAST NY Grant Application.

Vote on motion:

Supervisor FlahertyAye Councilman Abbott Aye
Councilman CahillAye Councilwoman Nguyen.... Aye
Motion carried.....4-0

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Chris Bilow, Parks and Recreation Director, and Glenn Morrell, Parks Director, provided the Town Board with a presentation on the status of the outdoor pickleball and tennis court upgrade. Budgeted for 2023 was a renovation project for the existing two tennis courts as they are thirty years old and need to be replaced. With the increasing demand for pickleball, the renovation project will include four dedicated pickleball courts with one overlay on top of a tennis court, resulting in five outdoor pickleball courts and one tennis court remaining. The fencing surrounding the courts will also be replaced. The renovation is projected to begin in June 2023.

Mary Herington, Town Engineer, and Joshua Artuso, Community Development Director, appeared before the Town Board for a presentation on the release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to consultants locally and state-wide for assistance identifying, applying for, and managing grants. The Town Board will be presented with a Resolution at their March 16, 2023 meeting to authorize the release of the RFQ.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Dorothy M. Maguire, Town Clerk