**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH**

**TOWN BOARD SEMI MONTHLY MEETING**

**August 19, 2021**

**Resolution NO. 21-148 Authorization to Apply for Downtown**

**Revitalization Initiative Round 5**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Plattsburgh has a successful track record of community supported planning initiatives and subsequent project implementation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Plattsburgh has invested more than $500,000 in planning over the last decade, most recently for the Town Center Smart Growth Plan and subsequent zoning amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Plattsburgh received widespread public support for the Town Center Smart Growth Plan and Route 3 Corridor Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Plattsburgh has invested more than 24 million dollars in water & sewer capital improvements over the last decade, of which 16 million dollars has directly benefited the Town Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Plattsburgh has thus positioned itself to allow for community beneficial Smart Growth, complete streets, housing affordability and diversity, enhanced transportation opportunities, and a reduction in energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Plattsburgh has been host to sustained growth in the industrial, commercial, and residential sectors and is aware of impending continued growth, creating demand for additional workforce housing, transportation options, recreation opportunities and cultural/community services; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State has announced that it is accepting applications for round 5 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, typically awarding up to $10M to one or two communities within each of the State’s 10 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs); and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Plattsburgh’s vision and goals for a thriving Town Center closely aligns with the goals, purpose & intent of the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Round 5; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town’s vision for Town Center is ripe for implementation and could be actualized by direct investment from the DRI, catalyzing transformative community development; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Center Smart Growth Plan and Route 3 Corridor Plan readily identifies multiple projects that would serve this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Plattsburgh has capacity, willingness, and intent to submit an application for DRI funding to implement initiatives identified in the Town Center Smart Growth Plan & Rte 3 Corridor Plan; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board does hereby authorize an application for the fifth round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative to be prepared by the Planning & Community Development Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that upon review by the Town Attorney, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign & execute the necessary documents required for filing said application; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Town Planning & Community Development Department, Town Finance Manager, and Town Supervisor.

**Motion:**

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call: Yes No Absent Carried Tabled**

**Thomas E. Wood Meg E. Bobbin**

**Barbara E. Hebert**

**Charles A. Kostyk**

**Michael S. Cashman**