

Public Hearing
Discussion on the Restore NY Communities Initiative Round 6
Application and Property Assessment List for the
River House Confectionery & Mercantile Rehabilitation Project
September 22, 2022

The Public Hearing on the discussion of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Round 6 Application and Property Assessment List for the River House Confectionery & Mercantile Rehabilitation Project was called to order by the Chair at 10:05 A.M. Six Legislative members were present with Legislators Hollenbeck, Mullen, and Weston being absent.

There were 15 people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Economic Development Specialist Schnabl spoke. "Tioga County is applying on behalf of River House Confectionery & Mercantile for a Restore NY Round 6 grant. They are the current owner of Fuddy Duddy's on Lake Street, Owego, NY and they purchased the buildings on the Front Street, Owego, NY to rehabilitate them to expand their business and house their production, retail, and warehousing space.

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Can you explain the process and the estimated time?"

"The County is the applicant, so we have to hold a public hearing and following today's public hearing, the County Legislature will adopt the resolution to officially apply for the funds through Restore NY. Our best guess is probably year-end 2022 or early 2023 before the County will know about the grant award."

Legislator Roberts spoke. "The grant is up to \$2 million dollars, so is the application for a specific amount or are we seeking the full \$2 million dollars?"

Economic Development Specialist Schnabl spoke. "The allowed grant award is based upon the size and type of the building (brick and mortar), so the \$2 million is the maximum allowed by the grant program."

Legislator Brown spoke. "Is there a matching component?"

Economic Development Specialist Schnabl spoke. "Yes, there is at least a 10% match required. The State will decide on the matching percentage."

There being no public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:08 A.M.