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TOWN OF RIVERHEAD SEEKS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN UPCOMING VIRTUAL TOWN SQUARE DESIGN UPDATE MEETING

The Town of Riverhead's extensive public participation process regarding the development of the new Town Square in downtown Riverhead, will continue on August 5, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. via a Zoom meeting, which will be available through Social Pinpoint, a configurable digital community engagement platform, designed to encourage public participation in planning projects. Zoom information will be provided on the Town's website, as well as through the Social Pinpoint web site at www.engageheteam.com/riverheadtownsquare.

Supervisor Yvette Aguiar stated, "Despite the obstacles of the 2020 pandemic, the united Riverhead Town Board has made unprecedented progress towards the creation of the Riverhead Town Square, which will be the centerpiece of a fully revitalized, thriving Downtown Riverhead. The Town Square will transform the downtown business district into a thriving regional hub offering an attractive venue for people to live, work and play in Riverhead. As the design process advances to the preliminary design phase, more public input is critical to ensure when the Town Square is developed, its creation fully recognizes the needs and desires of our community."

The public input process began in March, 2021, with two full days of meetings facilitated by the town's Pittsburgh-based consultant Urban Design Associates (UDA), including Town Board members, the Community Development Department staff and key stakeholders in the revitalization of downtown Riverhead, including businesses, property owners, the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District.

Four previous virtual public meetings were held in April and May of 2021, to refine the proposed designs. The next vital component involves an update on the process, including the integration of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers preliminary flood mitigation recommendations, and solicitation of additional public input.