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Adopted

Town of Riverhead Community Development Agency

Resolution # 12

Authorizes Supervisor to Submit Grant Application for Financial Assistance to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Pursuant to Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 and Title 3 of the 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act and the Local Waterfront Conservation Fund for a Project known as the Peconic Avenue Property Acquisition Project and Commitment of Matching Funds

COUNCILMAN DENESKI

_____ offered the following resolution,

COUNCILMAN LULL

which was seconded by _____

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Riverhead Town Board commissioned an Urban Renewal Plan to be prepared for the downtown business district; and

WHEREAS, said Plan was prepared and the Town Board adopted the East Main Street Urban Renewal Plan on October 19, 1993; and

WHEREAS, said Plan was intended to provide a vehicle for the town to address areas characterized by deteriorated buildings, outmoded design, inadequate maintenance and numerous other deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the East Main Street Urban Renewal Plan recommends the encouragement of projects that will enhance quality communities through revitalization of the Main Street area, projects that will encourage greater utilization of the Peconic Riverfront area, and projects that will enhance recreational opportunities in the downtown area where the residential population is of low income and is underserved; and

WHEREAS, the East Main Street Urban Renewal Plan was immediately implemented in order to provide a mechanism for the development of a major tourist destination facility in downtown Riverhead; and

WHEREAS, the downtown business district has the potential for the development of numerous additional destination facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead further seeks to further encourage development of the downtown business district by proposing a boundary revision to the Calverton Empire Zone to incorporate the subject area; and

WHEREAS, the Peconic River is the lifeblood of downtown Riverhead and it is the goal of the proposed property acquisition to both improve access by the public to the riverfront for recreational purposes and to support restoration and reuse of the adjacent Historic Register landmark, the Vail Leavitt Music Hall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverhead Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the Provisions of the Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 and Title 3 of the Clean Water / Clean Air Bond Act of 1996, and/or the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the Department of the Interior, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State of New York for such financial assistance to the Town of Riverhead for the Peconic Avenue Property Acquisition Project, and, if appropriate, a conservation easement / preservation covenant to the deed of the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Board hereby commits to provide the matching funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Fund; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to Community Development Agency Director Andrea Lohneiss.

THE VOTE

Sanders Yes No Blass Yes No
Densleak Yes No Lull Yes No
Kozakiewicz Yes No

THE RESOLUTION WAS WAS NOT

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