

**TOWN OF CHATHAM SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPT. 27, 2007**

A Special Town of Chatham Town Board meeting was held on Sept. 27, 2007 at 8:00 am at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – BethAnn Rippel, Councilman – Bob Balcom, Councilman – Don Hegeman.

Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

A Public Hearing was held at 8:01 am to Review the New York State Restore New York Grant. Attorney Rappleyea explained the grant process and the hearing were closed at 8:03 am.

RES. # 137-07 to request grant funding from the NYS Empire State Development Corporation to implement the restore NY Communities initiative municipal grant program..

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #137 and moved its adoption that
WHEREAS, the New York State Empire State Development Corporation is soliciting projects to implement Governor George E. Pataki's efforts to provide assistance for the revitalization of local communities, first proposed by the Governor and State Legislature in June 2006, and
WHEREAS, funding for a grant program to implement the vision of the governor and the State Legislature was approved in the 2007-2008 New York State Budget, and Empire State Development Corporation received a further appropriation to implement the Restore NY Communities Initiative for the sole purpose of revitalizing urban areas and stabilizing neighborhoods as means to attract residents and businesses, thereby improving municipal finances and the wherewithal to grow their tax and resource base, and
WHEREAS, the municipal project sponsor shall find that the proposed project(s) is consistent with existing local and/or regional plans; the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific facility or project; the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and where applicable, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities, and
WHEREAS, it is further anticipated that in building vibrant communities and diverse economies, municipalities can lessen their dependence on state aid, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Town of Chatham supports the principals, intent, and establishment of the Restore NY Communities Initiative, as proposed by the Governor and the State Legislature, and deems it to be in public interest and benefit, and

The Town of Chatham firmly supports the submission of an application for funding from the New York State Empire State Development Corporation through the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program for the properties listed within the Restore NY Grant Application submitted herein, and be it further

RESOLVED; by the Town Board of the Town of Chatham that Supervisor Jesse DeGroot is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the applicant in all matters related to this application to participate in the Restore NY Communities Initiative and is authorized to sign and submit the enclosed application; and be it further

RESOLVED; should the applicant, as result of this application receive state assistance, the representative is also authorized to act on behalf of the applicant in all matters related to the project and to State assistance. Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote, ayes, DeGroot, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel nays, none and resolution was adopted.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried to enter into executive session at 8:12 am. Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried to come out of executive session at 9:06 am.

RES. #138-07 to close White Mills Road Bridge over the CSX railroad.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #138 and moved its adoption that per demand of CSX, the White Mills Bridge that is currently red-flagged will be closed as of Oct. 5, 2007.

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel nays, none and resolution was adopted.

Councilman Rippel left the meeting at 9:10 am.

Motion was made by Councilman Hegeman, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 am.