PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Keene

INTENTION TO FILE A RESTORE NY GRANT APPLICATION for DEMOLITION AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL at 10889 NYS Rout 9N, KEENE, NY 12942

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Keene, at the Keene Community Center Pavilion on Church Street, Keene, County of Essex, New York on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022, at 6:00 pm concerning proposed RESTORE NY grant application for the Demolition and Asbestos Removal at 10889 NYS Route 9N, Keene, NY 12942

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the said grant application will be preparation for future affordable housing development at this location, more fully described on the Property Assessment List that follows this notice.

AT THE AFOREMENTIONED time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same. The Letter of Intent to file the application and Property Assessment List are available for viewing at the Town Hall during regular business hours. Interested persons may submit comments in writing to Joseph P. Wilson, Supervisor, Town of Keene, PO Box 89, Keene, NY 12942.

By Order of the Town Board Town of Keene, New York

Kimberly E. Smith Town Clerk

Property

Assessment List

Municipal Name: Town of Keene

Project Name: Both Meadow Trail Project

Number/Site Name/Address: #1; 10889 NYS Route 9N, Keene, NY 12942; 2,928

Sq. Ft.; R-C (R-Residential); DM (Demolition); V (V-Vacant).

RESTORE NY GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY INFORMATION September 23, 2022



PUBLIC HEARING:

The **TOWN OF KEENE** is holding a **public hearing: on October 4, 2022,** at 6:00 pm, at the Keene Community Center Pavilion, Keene, NY 12942. Town of Keene in conjunction with the Housing Assistance Program if Essex County (HAPEC) plans to submit a **grant application** to New York Empire State Development Corporation for a program called **RESTORE NY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE** established to encourage economic assistance for revitalization of commercial and residential properties. The grant funds will cover **demolition** and **asbestos removal** of the house located at 10889 NYS Route 9N Keene, NY 12942 in preparation for future affordable housing development.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The large green house is in disrepair, has suffered water damage and has asbestos that must be removed properly. Demolition is key to preparing the site for a new housing project and for safety concerns due to its proximity to the future Little Peaks Child Care Center. The total cost is estimated at \$80,000. Removal of the current structure is step one in a long-term plan for the property. Step two will involve seeking additional grants and fundraising efforts to build new affordable housing units desperately needed in Keene. The property, owned by HAPEC has 4 lots available to build approximately 4 units of affordable housing.

This project is important for our community as availability of affordable homes has been identified as a major concern according to residents and employers. The Keene Housing Task Force, appointed by the Keene Town Board as a direct outcome of the 2021 Town of Keene Strategic Plan, is charged with researching and implementing achievable housing strategies in Keene. These strategies include identifying and facilitating viable housing development projects to improve options for families earning between 80% -120% of area median income. According to recent Essex County housing data, the Town of Keene has 590 seasonal homes and only 478 year-round homes. Access to affordable housing is not a new problem in Keene, but the recent influx of second home buyers increased home sale prices by 50%, exacerbating the issue for both middle- and low-income earners alike. In a local survey, 76% of respondents identified access to affordable single-family homes as one of the biggest housing challenges in Keene. Available developable hamlet land is very limited and has been further squeezed by flood plain issues and FEMA buyouts.

The hearing is held to provide residents information concerning the grant application and to provide residents the opportunity to express their views, suggestions, and questions for clarification and offer recommendations. Interested persons may submit comments in writing to Joseph Wilson, Supervisor, Town of Keene 10892 NYS Route 9N Keene, NY 12942.

