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Village of Johnsbury Initiates Public Outreach Through Downtown Vision Survey

The Johnsbury Village Board authorized the development of a plan that focuses on the visual appeal, economic vibrancy and social connectivity of Johnsbury's Downtown District. To help develop that plan, the Johnsbury's Economic Development Committee has prepared a survey to gather feedback from the community. EDC Chairman John Huemann emphasized *"This process is an important component in developing the strategies for the future of our Downtown because it creates a vision that is driven by our residents and business owners. Their feedback is a crucial part of the process and will help us develop a plan that ensures the sustainability of our Downtown"*.

The Committee is working with HR Green, Inc. to gather input on how to enhance the Downtown District by way of physical improvements and to address the expectations of the community. In keeping with this effort, HR Green has prepared a combination of questions and images for the survey. The Economic Development Committee is seeking to obtain feedback from Johnsbury residents, business owners, former residents and individuals that frequently visit the area.

The survey is conveniently available on the Village's website at <http://www.johnsburg.org> through the link on the front page labeled **"Downtown Vision Survey"**. The Village has arranged for computers at the Johnsbury Village Hall and Library where residents who do not have computer access can complete the survey. Access to the survey will also be available in the Village's booth at the upcoming JABA Expo on March 15th. The ultimate goal is to have the largest number of people possible complete the survey.

Results from this survey will be used to develop policies that reflect community perspectives on opportunities within the Downtown District to include parking, safe pedestrian walkways, parks, businesses, housing and community gathering areas. It is the Committee's intention that these policies will lead to the creation of a sustainable Downtown area that improves the quality of life for current and future residents.

Village Hall hours are Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Library hours are Mon-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and the Third Sunday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The survey is now accessible on the Village's website and will continue throughout the month of March.