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**TOWN OF WEBSTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Webster Office of Community Development (OCD) will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 9, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. on behalf of the Webster Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss a proposed grant application to the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, to report on the progress of current and recent grants, and to discuss local community development and housing needs and issues. Under a proposed FY 2014 Mini-Entitlement Program grant, the following activities are under consideration for funding within the Town's designated Webster Center Target Area: construction of a new municipal parking lot on Frederick Street; reconstruction of Church Street and the parking lot adjacent to Town Hall; and an additional phase of construction for the Riverwalk along the French River; and/or other activities not yet identified. The grant application may include some or all of these activities, as well as additional ones.

The public hearing will also provide the public with an update on the progress of the Town's recent MA CDBG Program grants: FY 2012 and 2013 Mini-Entitlement Plan grants, as well as the recently completed FY 2011 grant. The hearing will also include a review of the town's Community Development Strategy (CDS), a discussion of the Town's unmet housing and community development needs, its recent and current efforts to promote and expand affordable housing, as well as opportunities for developing additional housing of various types that would be suitable to a range of incomes and household types. The CDS includes strategies for addressing a range of community development needs, on both a town-wide and a geographically-targeted basis.

The hearing will be held in the Irene Martel Conference Room, 1st Floor of Town Hall. Any person or organization so wishing will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. Suggestions for other activities to be included in the grant application may be made at the hearing or in writing to the OCD before the hearing. The Town encourages a broad spectrum of participation by residents and other interested parties in order to better understand and serve the needs of the community. The hearing location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If you require a translator, an accommodation for a hearing impairment or other accommodation, contact the OCD in person no later than Wednesday, December 4, at the Town Hall, by calling 508.949.3800, ext. 4004, or via email at ccyr@webster-ma.gov.

Deborah Keefe, Chairman
Board of Selectmen