



Measure #: 2024-078

# TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 3/25/2024      Submitted By: Town Manager      Telephone #: 508-699-0100

### MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Authorization to begin the negotiation process with the current owners of the Webster Mill Property

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### PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the initiation of negotiations and discussions with the current owners of the Webster Mill Property on Broadway, following its recent demolition due to safety concerns. The objective is to explore the potential procurement of this property by the Town of North Attleborough. This initiative seeks to resolve the current state of the property—now a blighted and demolished site—to address public safety and environmental concerns, while also considering the future development and use of the land to benefit the community. The Town aims to engage with the property's current owners and relevant state environmental agencies to outline a clear path forward for addressing remaining demolition debris, brownfield remediation, and the exploration of potential public uses for the property.

#### Justification:

**Public Safety and Environmental Remediation:** The property has been a blight on the community for over 40 years, presenting both safety hazards and environmental concerns. The recent demolition over safety issues underscores the urgent need for a comprehensive plan to address the remaining challenges, including debris removal and brownfield remediation. By taking proactive steps, the Town can ensure that these concerns are addressed promptly and effectively, mitigating any potential risks to public health and safety.

**Economic and Community Development:** Acquiring the Webster Mill Property presents an opportunity for the Town of North Attleborough to guide the redevelopment of the site in a manner that aligns with community needs and priorities. Whether the land is returned to the tax rolls through private development or utilized for public purposes, such as open space or a park, the redevelopment can stimulate economic growth, enhance community amenities, and contribute to the overall vitality of the area.

**Community Engagement and Input:** This measure emphasizes the importance of seeking public input in determining the future use of the property. By involving the community in the decision-making process, the Town can ensure that the redevelopment of the Webster Mill Property reflects the values, needs, and aspirations of North Attleborough residents. This inclusive approach fosters a sense of ownership and pride in the community's development projects.

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

### ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance, Economic Development

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