**Special Board of Directors Meeting – March 7. 2024**

Present: Sandy Morhouse, Lance Clark, Mark Wright, Scott Hearburg, Peter Reile (on video), Chris Mallon (on video), Bobby Porter, and Nancy Archer

Absent: Pam Nolan and Pat Ida

Staff Present: Donna Wotton and Kathleen Coffman

Purpose of the Meeting: To consider the offer of PRIDE to assist the Alliance with the 108 Montcalm Restore NY grant application.

**Motion:** To discuss with Pride the possibility to work together on the RestoreNY grant application moved by Scott Hearburg, seconded by Chris Mallon.

Key points of discussion and agreements:

The RestoreNY grant is highly competitive. This is the eighth round of funding. Each round offers less money than previous rounds. It is imperative to have a strong application to score the most points possible to secure the grant for the second phase of 108 Montcalm renovation. Ti is not a “distressed” community, thus added points will be needed to remain competitive.

There was a meeting with Steve Hunt (RestoreNY regional head) on Tuesday called by Carol Calabrese of IDA, which included Ti-Alliance, PRIDE, TACC, and the Town of Ti. One approach to gain added points could be to include both commercial and residential housing in the project. This must be balanced with the cost given the reduced funding available in this round and that housing might require$1million in additional funds to be raised. 108 Montcalm has the potential to be a cornerstone building important to the revitalization of Ticonderoga. Thus, it is important for parties to work together to secure the funding necessary by applying collective expertise, and building on the relationships that each has cultivated with the State and other partners.

If collaboration is to work, then communication channels need to remain open, and a conducive atmosphere created. Trust is a necessary component in successful collaboration.

**ACTION:** Sandy will go through his email to the Board with Nicole to help promote the atmosphere required for successful collaboration.

An example of past cooperation between PRIDE and the Alliance was when the former Pride board chair brought to the Alliance potential funding for derelict buildings. The Town subsequently applied for this funding with a proposal written by Ti Alliance. Pride was invited to attend meetings to determine their interest in collaboration on the project. Pride decided their interest and expertise was not in derelict buildings.

The project lead will be Ti-Alliance. 108 Montcalm is an Alliance project, and the building is owned by the Alliance.

The Town will only consider sponsoring the project if the necessary parties discuss collaboration on it.

Both RestoreNY project collaboration and possible affiliation discussions can move forward simultaneously.

**Vote on the Motion:** The members agreed for Ti-Alliance to discuss with Pride the possibility of collaboration on the RestoreNY grant application.

**ACTION:** Donna will take the lead to call a meeting for next week to include the following persons: Nicole from Pride (she may wish to bring others from her staff or board), Sandy Morehouse, Scott Hearburg, and Carol Calabrese to discuss the grant application, who brings what to the project, and possible division of labor [IN PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT AND WRITING, AND IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATIOIN]. The previous Alliance RestoreNY application could be reviewed and discuss what needs to be strengthened, etc.

**ACTION:** A meeting will be convened in the next weeks of the joint exploratory committee to consider possible affiliation or other collaboration actions or mechanisms between the two organizations.