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**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD PAUL MISCIONE ANNOUNCES THE Town of New Hartford Closed on Former Gander Mountain Building for $1.9 Million**

Town of New Hartford Supervisor Paul Miscione announced the Town of New Hartford has closed on the former Gander Mountain Building at the Orchard Mall next to Kohl’s on June 28th, 2018. This 50,000 SF building will house all town offices, the Police Department, Courts, a Community meeting room and Senior Services Center for the Town of New Hartford. This project was proposed by Town Supervisor Paul Miscione after extensive research in locating an area for the new offices that would not affect residential neighborhoods and have a central location with access to main streets and highways and determined that this location met those requirements.

The Town selected Architect Edward G. Olley Jr. AIA and his design team from the firm of GYMO Architecture, Engineering, Environmental & Land Surveying DPC to assist with creating an adaptive-reuse program compatible with Town functions and to provide professional design services for the project.

**Town Supervisor Paul Miscione said**, “This will bring our Town together in one building in the commercial shopping corridor rather than scattered all over Town. The project will allow departments to coordinate business more efficiently and will also bring more business to the restaurants and department stores in the shopping center by creating a one stop shop for all residents. This project will not only consolidate Town offices but will also consolidate New Hartford Town and Village Courts.”

The project will be going out for bid in July for renovation work; anticipating construction would start in August 2018. The build out cost is estimated to come in at $2.5-2.6 million for renovations and the Town of New Hartford has taken out a BAN from Adirondack Bank in New Hartford for a total of $4.5 million.

This location will draw heavy foot traffic from our senior communities that surround this area and will connect into our trail system, allowing the project to be walkable for many in the community. Town Supervisor Miscione will also work to achieve Climate Smart Communities by using Green Infrastructure Systems for renovations of the building. The Town has also applied for a DEC Grant for EVSE Charging Stations at this location so the public can charge their electric cars full time while using town services or shopping at the mall.

The Town of New Hartford is also the hub for commercial development in Oneida County and where many national brand stores have set record store sales. Town Supervisor Paul Miscione will keep promoting commercial development in New Hartford and will continue to welcome developers with the right vision and comprehensive planning in support of community needs.