

Webster Town Board

January 8, 2026

A workshop meeting of the Webster Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Scialdone at 6:30 p.m. at the Webster Town Board Meeting Room, 1002 Ridge Road, Webster, New York, with the following officials present:

Supervisor.....	Alexander B. Scialdone
Councilman.....	John J. Cahill
Councilwoman.....	Jennifer S. Wright
Councilman.....	Nicholas E. Hunter
Councilman.....	Garrett J. Wagner
Attorney for the Town	Kyle Taylor
Town Clerk.....	Danene M. Marr

Department Heads Present:

Finance Director	Paul Adams
Community Development Director	Joshua Artuso

Also in attendance was Maria Dewar, Administrative Assistant for the Director of Community Planning and Development and the Town Engineer, and Rick Kenealy, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

JP Schepp, P.E., Senior Project Manager from MRB Group, appeared before the Town Board to discuss engineering/design results on Vosburg Pump Station estimated cost versus the current \$5.7 million bonding from June 2024.

The station, located at 601 Vosburg Road, was built in 1979–1980 and serves about 8,645 people in the northwest part of Town, with additional flows from Penfield and Monroe County Pure Waters. After 46 years of continuous operation in a harsh sewer environment, much of the station's equipment is outdated, corroded, or failing, including pumps, piping, valves, ventilation, controls, security systems, and a diesel generator.

MRB conducted a comprehensive evaluation in 2021–2022, which this evaluation was used for preparation of a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant. A WIIA Grant Application was submitted in 2024, in which the Town was not awarded grant funding. The Town adopted a \$5.7 million Bond Resolution and completed SEQR in June 2024. A Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) Grant Application for approximately \$4 million was submitted in July 2025 and is still pending. The design contract was signed around April 30, 2025.

The rehabilitation will require bypassing the station to allow work in the wet well and will include replacing all pumps, piping, valves, instrumentation, electrical and control systems, the generator, ventilation, security, communications, and other building components. Improvements will also be made to the undersized bypass system, deteriorated force main air release valves, and discharge manholes.

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The updated project cost estimate is approximately \$6.1 million, reflecting escalation since earlier estimates and including a 25% contingency (over \$1 million) due to the age of the infrastructure and expected unforeseen conditions. While the contingency is considered high, it is viewed as appropriate given the risks. Receipt of the WQIP Grant would significantly improve project financing but would also introduce additional requirements, such as minority - and women-owned business participation.

A Councilmember asked if the Town does not get awarded the grant, and if the new estimate is over \$6.1 million, would the Town have to increase the bond. Paul Adams, the Director of Finance, stated that the Bond Resolution should be increased to be safe and to cover the soft costs involved in the project.

A Councilmember asked if the project gets up and running if residents would notice any impact. MRB representative, Mr. Schepp, indicated that little to no impact would be felt, possibly some noises of bypass pumps running, but the pumps would be sitting down in a valley where there are not a lot of residences.

A Councilmember asked what would happen if the Town Board decided not to move forward with this project and what risks would be an impact to the Town. Mr. Schepp responded that a catastrophic failure at the pump station would cause the wet well to overflow, releasing sewage into a nearby creek and park, leading to significant environmental damage, heavy DEC fines, and costly cleanup, all while still requiring emergency repairs. Addressing the project proactively allows for planned, controlled work while the station is still functioning, rather than reacting to failures. The station is critical and vulnerable to multiple potential failure modes, including electrical, generator, and mechanical failures.

A Councilmember asked about the total project timeframe. MRB representative indicated that it would be about a year and a half. Much of the pump station equipment is highly specialized and not off-the-shelf, including large 3,000-gallon-per-minute pumps. These pumps, manufactured by a reputable company in Sweden, can have lead times of up to a year from contract award to delivery. As a result, the Town will need to continue operating the existing equipment while awaiting replacements. The overall project is expected to take about 18 months, with roughly four months involving bypass operations, which is when residents may experience the greatest disruption.

Supervisor Scialdone asked the Director of Finance if the Town is required to hold a Public Hearing to increase the Bond Resolution. Paul Adams replied that Bond Council indicated that a Public Hearing is not required and that a Resolution to increase the amount is all that is required.

Maria Dewar, Administrative Assistant for the Director of Community Planning and Development and the Town Engineer, provided an update on five CFA Grant applications submitted on July 31, 2025. The Town has received award decisions for two of the five grants so far.

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Sandbar Park (LWRP) Project: The Town applied for funding for design and permitting for phases two and three, based on prior grant committee feedback. The Town requested Two Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$262,844) and was awarded Two Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$281,595). The project will move forward while the Town awaits the formal contract.

GIS Mapping and Data Expansion (NPG/MS4, DEC): The Town applied for the maximum Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to offset consultant costs for expanding GIS mapping. No award decision has been announced yet.

Reimagine Webster / Recreation Complex (BOA Grant): In partnership with the Village of Webster, the Town applied for preliminary design funding for improvements to the Town Recreation Center Complex. The Town's request was Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000) for amenities including an amphitheater, parking, and shelters. The overall BOA grant was awarded Three Hundred Forty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$343,800), with the Village receiving the majority. Town Parks and Recreation staff will participate in the grant team.

Salt Barn Replacement (DEC): The Town applied for the maximum Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to replace and rebuild the Highway Department salt barn. No decision has been announced.

Vosburg Pump Station (WQIP, DEC): The Town applied for Two Million Six Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$2,671,875) toward the Pump Station Project, based on the previously approved \$5.7 million bond. No award decision has been announced.

Ms. Dewar noted that DEC-administered grants have not yet been announced, with no timeline provided, and award results are released publicly rather than to individual municipalities in advance. A proposed Shippers Creek grant was not submitted this cycle but may be considered in the future.

Following the presentation a general discussion took place.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Danene M. Marr, Town Clerk