

**Town of Northumberland
Special Town Board Meeting
July 28, 2012**

Supervisor Willard Peck called the Special Town Board Meeting to order @ 9:05 AM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those present included Supervisor Willard Peck; Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilwoman Patricia Bryant and Councilman George Hodgson. Councilman Daniel Gale was absent.

Councilman George Hodgson provided the Town Board Members with an overview of NYS SEQRA compliance which is required before the construction of the Riverwalk Sensory Trail and Canoe/Kayak Launch could begin. Councilman Hodgson summarized the two town resolutions which needed to be passed which included the Town of Northumberland as lead agency for the project and a second resolution authorizing the Town to issue a Negative Declaration for the project.

Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution # 52 of 2012 – **ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND AS LEAD AGENCY PURSUANT TO SEQRA COMPLIANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENSORY RIVERWALK TRAIL AND ALFRED SOLOMON CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT HUDSON CROSSING PARK**

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has received a NYS Environmental Protection Fund grant from the NYS Department of State to enable the construction of the Sensory Riverwalk Trail and the Alfred Solomon Canoe/Kayak Launch at Hudson Crossing Park to be located in the vicinity of Lock C5 of the Champlain Canal, and

WHEREAS, before implementing the aforementioned project, there is a need to comply with the provisions of Article 8 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has previously contacted all other “involved” agencies regarding this construction project relative to compliance with SEQRA and the Town of Northumberland’s desire to assume lead agency status pursuant to SEQRA for the construction of the Sensory Riverwalk Trail and the Alfred Solomon Canoe/Kayak Launch to be located at Hudson Crossing Park, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Northumberland hereby establishes itself as the lead agency for the purpose of compliance with Article 8 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA) for the construction of the Sensory Riverwalk Trail and the Alfred Solomon Canoe/Kayak Launch at Hudson Crossing Park to be located in the vicinity of Lock C5 of the Champlain Canal.

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Councilwoman seconded the introduction of Resolution #52 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Resolution #52 of 2012 adopted

Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution #53 of 2012 – **ISSUE OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SEQRA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENSORY TRAIL & THE ALFRED SOLOMON CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH AT HUDSON CROSSING PARK**

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has received a NYS Environmental Protection Fund grant from the NYS Department of State to enable the construction of the Sensory Riverwalk Trail and the Alfred Solomon Canoe/Kayak Launch at Hudson Crossing Park located in the vicinity of Lock C5 of the Champlain Canal, and

WHEREAS, before implementing the aforementioned project, there is a need to comply with the provisions of Article 8 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, by previous communication with all other “involved” agencies regarding this construction project the Town of Northumberland hereby establishes itself as lead agency for the Sensory Riverwalk Trail and the Alfred Solomon Canoe/Kayak Launch located at Hudson Crossing Park, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has prepared and thoroughly evaluated a standard environmental assessment form for this Hudson Crossing Park trail and canoe/kayak launch project and has determined that the aforementioned project is a “Type I Action” pursuant to New York State SEQRA Regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Northumberland has determined after thorough review and evaluation of said environmental assessment form (EAF) and other related documents, that the construction of the Sensory Riverwalk Trail and the Alfred Solomon Canoe/Kayak Launch at Hudson Crossing Park will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Northumberland hereby authorizes the issuance of a SEQRA Negative Declaration and the distribution of such determination to all identified “involved agencies” in accordance with the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (Article 8 ECL) relative to the construction of this project at Hudson Crossing Park.

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Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the introduction of Resolution #53 of 2012

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Resolution #53 of 2012 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh stated that he and the Town ‘s Building Inspector, Richard Colozza had examined the window sills of the Town Hall and they found that many needed replacing and was bringing it before the Town Board at this time recommending that further review be conducted regarding the repair of these issues.

With no further business, Councilwoman Patricia Bryant made a motion @ 9:15 AM to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D Murphy
Town Clerk