

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF NEW PALTZ TOWN BOARD
SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION
ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT FOR WATER SUPPLY MAIN
AUTHORIZATION OF WATER MAIN INSTALLATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS: The Town Board directed the Town's professional consulting engineer to study water supply and water pressure problems in the water distribution facilities of the Town's Water Districts. Upon completion of this study, the Town's engineer advised the Town Board that it is highly desirable to install a water main to connect the District's shared water supply tank to the existing water main located in South Putt Corners Road. The Town's engineer advised that installation of this water main will benefit Water District Nos. 1, 2 and 3 by improving water supply and pressure to the properties in each of those Water Districts. The Town's engineer further advised the Board that installation of the water main would provide a necessary loop in the water distribution system to improve water flow and pressure to the New Paltz High School and to existing and proposed commercial buildings in the South Putt Road corridor, served by Water District No. 2, and to residential properties in the Cherry Hill area, served by Water District No 1.

A plan for installation of the proposed water main was first proposed in 1997 and considered by the Planning Board during its review of the Medical Building project. Installation of this water main was proposed by the developer of the Hampton Inn project and considered by the Planning Board during the environmental review of that project. The Planning Board thereafter issued a SEQR negative declaration on that project on March 22, 2010. The developer of the Hampton Inn has contributed \$100,000 to the Town to pay a portion of the cost of installation of the water main. The Board notes that the water main will help ensure that adequate fire flow and pressure will be available to the three-story Hampton Inn, which is scheduled to open in May, and will help ensure the stability of the water distribution system during normal usage periods and high consumption events. JAM of New Paltz, Inc., the owner of the property situated between the water tank site and the existing water main in South Putt Corners Road, said property being shown and designated on the Town of New Paltz Tax Map as tax parcel 86.4-2-3.115 and 86.12-2-58.2, has offered to convey to the Town an easement through that property to allow the installation, operation and maintenance of the proposed water main.

The Town's engineer has prepared a map and plan of the proposed water main and appurtenant facilities, and estimated a maximum cost of \$175,000. Payment of the remaining \$75,000 cost will be apportioned among Water Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in proportion to the relative water consumption in each of the districts, as follows: Water District No. 1 - 78%, or \$58,500; Water District No. 2 - 17%, or \$12,750; and Water District No. 3 - 5%, or \$3,750.

The Town Board has considered the Environmental Assessment Form and the map and plan prepared by the Town's professional consulting engineer, the previous SEQR determination

made by the Planning Board, and the criteria for determining environmental significance set forth in the SEQR Regulations §617.7(c), and the Board is fully familiar with the area of the proposed work. The Board has also considered that the subject property is located within Ulster County Agricultural District No. 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

This water main installation project is a SEQR Unlisted action and the Town Board declares itself SEQR lead agency. Upon consideration of the documents, information, and knowledge recited above, and as recommended by the Town's professional engineer, this Board finds and determines that the water main project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. The Board determines that the water main and easement location will avoid or minimize the potential for any impact on agricultural activities to the maximum extent practicable, and that such determination is consistent with the offer by the property owner to grant the water main easement.

Upon review of the map and plan prepared by the Town's consulting engineer, the needs of the Town's Water Districts and the existing condition of the water distribution system, the Town Board finds and determines that it is in the best interests of Water Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and the residents and property owners of those Districts to accept the water main easement offered by JAM of New Paltz, Inc., to allow installation of the water main, with no monetary payment by the Town. After review and approval by the Town's attorney of the grant of easement document, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute that grant of easement on behalf of the Town and the Water Districts.

Upon a motion by Councilperson Logan, seconded by Councilperson Torres, and after a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the foregoing Resolution was declared duly adopted at a duly noticed regular meeting of the Town Board held on March 17, 2016.