

RESOLUTION OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

REEXAMINATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON MASTER PLAN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT (N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 ET SEQ.) AND MUNICIPAL CONFORMANCE WITH THE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN AND OTHER PROVISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON AND RECOMMENDING THE HIGHLANDS CHECKLIST ORDINANCE, HIGHLANDS PRESERVATION AREA EXEMPTION ORDINANCE AND CERTAIN OTHER LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

DECIDED AND ADOPTED: MAY 22, 2014

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of Hardyston Township, Sussex County, State of New Jersey (“Planning Board”), was established pursuant to all requirements and provisions of the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the current Hardyston Township Master Plan pursuant to Article 3 of the MLUL (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28) on October 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 provides that each municipality within the State of New Jersey periodically re-examine its Master Plan policies and assumptions, zoning restrictions, and site plan and subdivision regulations, and prepare and adopt by resolution a report on the findings of such reexamination; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has conducted such periodic reexaminations of the Master Plan since the initial date of its adoption and adopted reports setting forth its findings of each such reexamination, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (“Highlands Act,” N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.) was enacted by the State Legislature on August 10, 2004 for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, and restoring the natural resources of the New Jersey Highlands Region, in particular the water resources, which provide drinking water to over 5 million New Jersey residents; and

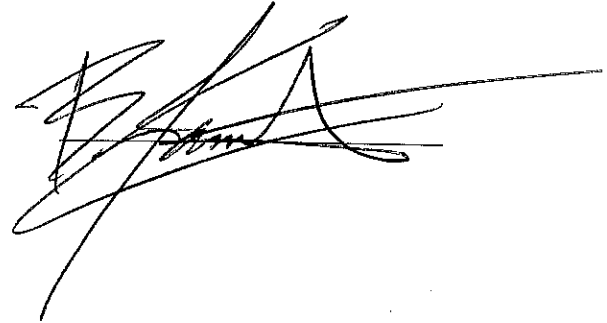
WHEREAS, the Highlands Act created the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (the “Highlands Council”) and charged it with crafting a comprehensive master plan for the New Jersey Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP) was adopted by the Highlands Council on July 17, 2008, and became effective on September 8, 2008 as the product of a long-term, participatory, and region-wide planning effort; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a bifurcated system for municipal conformance with the Regional Master Plan – mandatory Plan Conformance for any portion (or if applicable, the

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

- (1) The Planning Board hereby makes and adopts the findings of fact and all recommendations as set forth in the "2014 Hardyston Township Master Plan Reexamination Report," dated May, 2014, prepared by Carrine Piccolo-Kaufner, P.P., AICP, a reexamination of the Hardyston Township Master Plan and development regulations conducted specifically to recommend the attached Highlands Checklist Ordinance, Highlands Preservation Area Exemption Ordinance and to recommend a Master Plan Amendment to address the task of achieving conformance with the provisions of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.) and the Highlands Regional Master Plan and other recommendations set forth therein.
- (2) The Planning Board recommends to the Mayor and Council the ordinance amendments to the Highlands Checklist Ordinance, Highlands Preservation Area Exemption Ordinance and Land Use Code as recommended in the attached Reexamination Report.

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