

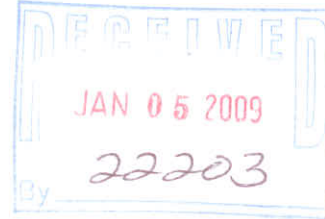
Township of Mendham

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December 17, 2008

Lucy Vandenberg, PP, AICP
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Council on Affordable Housing
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Re: Mendham Township
Resolution 2008-192
✓ NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR
PLAN CONFORMANCE

Resolution 2008-193
SEEKING AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO PETITION FOR
SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 114
AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
HIGHLANDS COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

Dear Ms. Vandenberg:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the above referenced resolutions adopted by the Township Committee at its meeting of December 16, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (973) 543-4555. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Ann L. Carlson, RMC
Township Clerk

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cc:

✓ Eileen Swan, Executive Director, Highlands Council
Stephen Mountain, Township Administrator

RESOLUTION 2008-192

TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to fifteen months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mendham lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham believes that it is in the best interest of the Township of Mendham to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mendham hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Township of Mendham intends to include all lands lying with the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

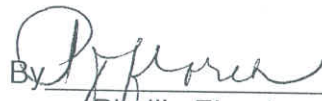
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Township of Mendham has set December 8, 2009, as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

Adopted: December 16, 2008

ATTEST:


TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM,
COUNTY OF MORRIS


Ann L. Carlson, RMC
Township Clerk

By 
Phyllis Florek
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Ann L. Carlson, Township Clerk of the Township of Mendham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on December 16, 2008.


Ann L. Carlson, RMC
Township Clerk