

BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

DATE: December 3, 2008

NUMBER: 350-08

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highland Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highland 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 15 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 Highland 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 Borough of Hopatcong lies within the Highland Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and


WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council for the Borough of Hopatcong believes that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Hopatcong to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hopatcong 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, (If applicable – This Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hopatcong intends to include all lands lying within 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 Mayor and Council has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.


Lorraine E. Stark
Borough Clerk


Sylvia Petillo
Mayor

Name	Mot.	Sec.	Yea	Nay	Abt.	Abs.
Bunce	✓			✓		
Francis					✓	
Galate		✓		✓		
Klein					✓	
McManus						✓
Modick				✓		
Petillo						

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor & Council at the regular meeting held on December 3, 2008.


Borough Clerk