

RESOLUTION NO. 85

DETERMINATION THAT THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF 1538 NEW SCOTLAND ROAD IN SLINGERLANDS WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Introduced: 3/9/20

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works (the "Department") has indicated that it is in the best interests of the County of Albany to proceed with a project regarding the demolition and related asbestos abatement of a building located at 1538 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands NY, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has further indicated that the Department will work to demolish the building located on the aforementioned property in order to repurpose the space as a contributing feature of the neighborhood alongside a section of the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner working in conjunction with the Senior Natural Resource Planner has determined that the project is properly classified as an "unlisted" action pursuant to the regulations found under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and

WHEREAS, Under Part 617 of Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, in light of the project's designation as an "unlisted" action, the Senior Natural Resource Planner has conducted an uncoordinated review and has recommended that Albany County make a determination regarding the potential environmental impact of the project, and

WHEREAS, The Senior Natural Resource Planner has completed a short environmental assessment as required by SEQRA and has considered various impacts and implications that the project may have on the environment, and

WHEREAS, Through the aforementioned SEQRA analysis the Department and the Senior Natural Resource Planner have received comments from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation which confirm that the building which will be demolished is a non-contributing resource to the historic district it is located in due to numerous previous alterations to the building and the associated loss of its historic integrity, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that this Honorable Body has considered the findings contained within the short Environmental Assessment and, pursuant to SEQRA, hereby determines that the aforementioned project will not have a significant impact on the environment and is therefore properly classified as a "unlisted" action with a negative declaration, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to sign and file any documents that may be necessary to comply with SEQRA regarding the Project, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 3/9/20