

RESOLUTION NO. 625

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO TAKE INITIAL REVIEW ACTIONS TO DETERMINE SEQR LEAD AGENCY STATUS REGARDING THE WATER PURIFICATION DISTRICT REGIONAL ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITY

Introduced: 12/17/18

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 257 for 2017, this Honorable Body entered into agreements with Saratoga County and Arcadis of New York, Inc. regarding Engineering and Consulting services for a regional biosolids handling facility, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 145 for 2018, This Honorable Body authorized an inter-municipal agreement between the Albany County Water Purification Districts and the Saratoga County Sewer District regarding the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a regional facility for disposal of sludge and biosolids, and

WHEREAS, The proposed development of the project is subject to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process and when more than one agency is involved, a lead agency must be established prior to a determination of significance and the initial review and actions by an agency to establish lead agency requires several important steps to be taken to comply with the applicable rules and regulations, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning (Planning Department) has acted on behalf of the Legislature for many years and this Honorable Body seeks the assistance of the Planning Department to make certain that all appropriate steps are taken regarding this proposal, and

WHEREAS, In the initial review of this proposal, the Planning Department needs to use due diligence to determine if the action involves more than one agency and transmit documentation to all the potential involved agencies to notify them that Albany County is seeking lead agency status, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Planning Department is requested to take initial review actions to determine lead agency status regarding the Regional Anaerobic Digestion Facility project, and report back to the legislature regarding its findings, and, be it further

RESOLVED, During said review, the Planning Department is requested to submit a copy of all correspondence to and from the other involved agencies to the Clerk of the Legislature, 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 – 12/17/18