

RESOLUTION NO. 263

EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO BECOME LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED SOLDIER ON PROJECT

Introduced: 7/14/14

By Mr. Cotrofeld:

WHEREAS, The County Executive has proposed to undertake a project in cooperation with the Soldier On organization that could result in potentially dramatic changes at the Ann Lee Home facility and the surrounding historic area, and

WHEREAS, Although the proposed project has not been formally approved by this Honorable Body, the action is a Type I action pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) (6 NYCRR Part 617) and requires that a Lead Agency be designated, and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned action requires the acknowledgments and/or approvals of more than one Federal, State or Local agency and the County Executive believes the Albany County Legislature is the most appropriate involved agency to assume Lead Agency status for the purpose of compliance with SEQR for the Soldier on Project, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature hereby declares its intent to assume SEQR Lead Agency status for the sole purpose of determining the potential environmental impact that the proposed project might have regarding the historic area involved, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Planning Department staff is authorized to coordinate the designation of the County Legislature as Lead Agency upon mutual concurrence of all identified involved agencies and to comply with all applicable administrative and procedural requirements on behalf of the County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Planning Department is directed to file biweekly reports regarding the progress that is being made regarding the environmental protection of the historic area and it is further directed not to proceed in the event an action might have an impact on the environment before reporting the particulars to the Audit and Finance Committee, 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.

Messrs. Cotrofeld and Nichols proposed the following amendment:

Delete the 3rd Resolved Clause and replace with the following language:

RESOLVED, That the authorization by this resolution is contingent upon the Shaker Heritage Society being included as an interested party and the Albany County Legislature is empowered to retain the professionals required to analyze and execute the SEQR application at the expense of the applicant, Soldier On, and, be it further

On roll call vote on the amendment, the following voted in favor: Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Busch, Mr. Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Crouse, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Hogan, Jacobson, Joyce, Ms. Lockart, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McKnight, McLean Lane, Messrs. Mendick, Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson, Stevens and Ward – 37.

Those opposed: - 0.

Resolution as amended was adopted by unanimous vote. 7/14/14