

On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE RESTUCCIA, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York 4 ayes, 1 absent:

RESOLUTION ISSUING SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON GATEWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT BY EXPANDING THE AREA OF, AND MODIFYING THE REGULATIONS FOR THE HARMON SOUTH RIVERSIDE GATEWAY AREA

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Village Board formed the Harmon Business Development Committee (HBDC) to study and make recommendations to the Village Board to address the decline of the Harmon Business District; and

WHEREAS, after a lengthy and vigorous period of study with the assistance of expert consultants the HBDC presented its report to this Village Board entitled “Harmon Zoning Change Recommendations August 26, 2008 presentation to Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York by Harmon Business Development Committee”; and

WHEREAS, this Village Board carefully considered the recommendations of the HBDC and caused to be drafted Local Law Introductory Number 4 which was issued on July 8, 2009 embodying the HBDC recommendations and which, among other things, served as the original proposed action for SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, as Lead Agency, issued Parts 1 and 2 of an Environmental Assessment Form in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Village circulated the proposed Local Law to various interested agencies including the Village Planning Board, the Westchester County Planning Department and the Village Waterfront Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, with the assistance of the Village Planning Board, caused to be prepared an Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Village Board and the Village Planning Board held multiple meetings at which the proposed action was publicly discussed and public input was taken; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the public discussion and input process, the proposed action was modified; and

WHEREAS, the draft EAF Part 3 was modified to analyze the revisions to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the EAF Part 3 was duly issued by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, thereafter a public hearing on Local Law Introductory Number 4 2009 was duly held on November 2, 2009 where all interested parties were heard; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has carefully considered all of the information and public comment which it has received regarding the proposed additions and modifications to the Harmon South Riverside Gateway District; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board members have carefully considered the criteria set forth in Section 617.7(a)-(c) of the SEQRA Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Village Board of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby issues the written Negative Declaration which is attached hereto in connection with the proposed Local Law Introductory Number 4 entitled "Local Law to Amend the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Gateway Overlay Zoning District by expanding the area of, and modifying the regulations for the Harmon/South Riverside Gateway Area"; and
2. The Village Board of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby determines that the adoption of the above referenced Local Law complies with and is consistent with the policies, standards and conditions set forth in the Village's LWRP for the reasons set forth in the Environmental Assessment Form and Negative Declaration which have been issued in connection with the proposed Local Law, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Village's Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Dated: November 16, 2009