Resolution No. 391 December 13, 2004

Authorizing The Ulster County Legislature To Serve As Lead Agency Under The State Environmental Quality Review Act [SEQRA] And Initiate Environmental Review Of A New Salt Storage Facility And Associated Improvements Located On The West Side Of Libertyville Road In New Paltz On Lands Currently Owned By Ulster County

The Highways & Bridges / Buildings & Grounds / Public Works Administration Committee (Chairman Felicello and Legislators Hathaway, McAfee, Meyer, Stock, Berardi, Donaldson, Provenzano and Zimet) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has adopted a Capital Budget that includes a new salt storage facility, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has identified a site on the west side of Libertyville Road (CR 7) on lands owned by the County across the road from its County Park facilities in New Paltz, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department has begun the design process and produced preliminary site layouts and facility designs for the salt storage facility and associated improvements including access roads, parking, office space, and equipment storage, and

WHEREAS, the on-site improvements will include construction of a new salt storage facility, office space, associated equipment storage, parking and access improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has had an opportunity to review Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form [EAF], dated December 13, 2004, as prepared by the Ulster County Planning Department and maintained on file with the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(a), the Legislature has determined that Part 1 of the EAF is complete for the purposes of establishing the Legislature's Intent to Serve as Lead Agency under SEQRA and that the proposed project is classified as an Unlisted Action thereunder, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has identified other involved and interested agencies and desires to circulate the EAF, related Addenda and accompanying documentation to all these agencies, together with the Legislature's Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency thereby commencing coordinated review in accordance with procedures promulgated at 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (2) (i) and 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3), and

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WHEREAS, the Highways & Bridges / Buildings & Grounds / Public Works Administration Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3) of the Regulations of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State [SEQRA] the Ulster County Legislature hereby declares its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the above recited project, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature circulate its Notice of Intent to serve as Lead Agency, together with the EAF and accompanying documentation to all interested and involved agencies pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (2) (i) and 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3), and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3), at the conclusion of an otherwise unchallenged thirty (30) day period following the date of transmittal of the Notice of Intent, the EAF and documentation aforesaid to the interested agencies, the Legislature shall become the Lead Agency under SEQRA for this project,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 1

(Legislator Provenzano)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE