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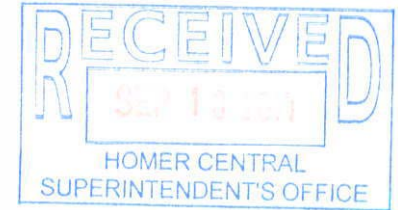
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September 17, 2014

To: INVOLVED AGENCIES
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, Attn: Ruth Pierpont
New York State Education Department, Debbie Johnson, Project Manager

INTERESTED AGENCIES
Homer Central School District, Nancy Ruscio, Superintendent
Town of Truxton Planning Dept., Dave Hartnett, Chairman
Cortland County Planning Department, Dan Dineen, Director
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Kenneth Lynch, Reg. Director

Re: Homer Central School District
Renovations to Hartnett Elementary School

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In response to the August 27, 2014 letter from the Homer Central School District regarding its intent to act as Lead Agency in the above-referenced matter, enclosed please find Resolution passed by the Truxton Town Board on September 17, 2014.

Sincerely,

08.05.2013

Kimberly A. Reakes
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cc: Scott Chatfield, Esq.



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RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF TRUXTON TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Homer Central School Board is the sponsor of a project located at the property known as Hartnett Elementary School (the "property") on Academy Street in the Town of Truxton and the project includes the change of use of the building from an elementary school into a high school and this change of use also requires major structural changes to the building, and changes to the site including relocation of the playground to allow for the creation of a large parking lot, and consequential site work including changes to the grading, storm water flows and possible discharge of storm water into municipal systems; and

WHEREAS, Academy Street is the sole access to the property and the section of the street leading to the property from US Route 13 is not of sufficient width to allow buses to meet and the street width is restricted on either side by private property, steep embankment and pedestrian sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, possible additional traffic will be generated from the change of use which includes more than doubling the number of students and staff assigned to the property and the change to a high school may generate additional traffic from students driving to school and the proposed new and additional parking is an indication of additional traffic and the possible additional traffic also raises safety concerns to pedestrians, commuters and private property located adjacent to the street; and

WHEREAS, Homer Central School Board has previously voted and passed a resolution which approves a change of use of the property by way of authorizing a lease of the property to BOCES for a high school and this action was taken without any SEQRA review and the lease of the property to BOCES is conditional upon the Homer School District completing the building alterations and site work effectively linking the change of use of the property with the building alterations and site work; and

WHEREAS, the change of use of the property is not listed on the type II list under the SEQRA Law and subsequently is an unlisted action requiring SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Truxton Town Board is in receipt of correspondence from the Homer Central School District in the form of a NOTICE OF PROJECT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY along with a SEQRA Short Form and some preliminary construction layouts.



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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Truxton Town Board that:

1. The Board finds that the proposed project has the potential of affecting traffic and safety of Academy Street.
2. The Board finds that the proposed project has the potential of affecting storm water discharge into the municipal system along Academy Street.
3. The Board finds that the SEQRA Short Form has identified areas of possible substantial environmental effect, however, is not sufficient to identify all of the potential environmental impacts of this project and that a SEQRA Long Form should be completed by the project sponsor.
4. The Board finds that traffic and safety of pedestrians, commuters and property owners along Academy Street is an important potential impact of the project.
5. The Board finds that the change of use and construction of a large parking lot adjacent to a residential property are impacts that would be addressed by the Town of Truxton Planning Board under the Town's Site Plan Law under normal circumstances.
6. The Board finds that the Truxton Town Board is an involved agency under SEQRA Law based having discretionary authority to approve any changes or alterations to Academy Street.
7. The Board finds that the Truxton Town Board is best suited to address the environmental impacts of this project since the project is wholly located in the Town of Truxton and its sole access is from a Town of Truxton Highway and the Town of Truxton Town Board is most familiar with the issues of potential environmental impact.

Moved by Lloyd Sutton, Jr.

Seconded by Stephanie Potter

Yea Sutton, Sprouse, Potter

Nay Wehbe

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