

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE TO CO-SIGN A LOAN APPLICATION WITH THE FRIENDS OF LAKE NEEPAULIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING THE REPAIR OF THE LAKE NEEPAULIN DAM

WHEREAS, the Friends of Lake Neepaulin have requested that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage co-sign a loan application for Dam Restoration and Inland Water Project Loans, under the provisions of the Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992, P.L. 1992 c. 88 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:24A et seq., and

WHEREAS, upon review and evaluation of this request, it has become clear that preserving the integrity of the Lake Neepaulin Dam is a responsibility that holds public safety, economic, and environmental repercussions for the entire Wantage Township community; and

WHEREAS, upon review and evaluation of the issue, it is the conclusion of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage that:

- 1) The hydrology of the area would be adversely affected if Lake Neepaulin were drained; this could have a domino effect on private wells within the Lake Neepaulin community and surrounding neighborhoods.
- 2) The property values of homes in the Lake Neepaulin community would be adversely affected if Lake Neepaulin were drained; again, this could have a domino affect of negative impact for many households throughout Wantage Township.
- 3) Homeowner insurance would be negatively affected for homeowners within and around the Lake Neepaulin community if the Lake were drained.
- 4) Firefighting capability of over 700 homes would be negatively affected if Lake Neepaulin were to be drained.
- 5) The negative environmental impact of draining the lake would have drastic consequences for the flora and fauna of the Township, impacting the entire ecosystem for that section of the Township, and could have negative impacts in terms of increased mosquito infestations and other insects in a swampy environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk of Wantage Township to co-sign a loan a loan application with the Friends of Lake Neepaulin for Dam Restoration and Inland Water Project Loans, under the provisions of the Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992, P.L. 1992 c. 88 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:24A et seq.

Motion made by Mr. Parrott. Mr. Space seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

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**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on November 29, 2007.

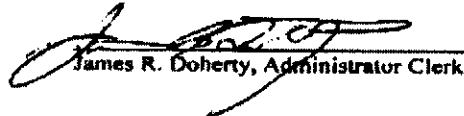
  
James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk

Exhibit A