

RESOLUTION No. 2020-__
APPROVAL OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT
FINDINGS STATEMENT AND ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF ENFIELD
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND
GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was

ADOPTED/NOT ADOPTED AYES _____ (names) NAYS _____ (names)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Enfield (“the Town”) has identified the need to update the Comprehensive Plan as a result of the Town of Enfield’s growth and change since the adoption of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, with over 50 Public meetings, and with much research, time and effort, the Comprehensive Plan Committee recommended to the Town of Enfield a Draft Comprehensive Plan to replace the current 2001 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield was established by Resolution (#2019-66) as Lead Agency on December 11, 2019 in preparation for conducting a Scoping and EIS process for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the DRAFT Comprehensive Plan was held on December 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) section 617.10, a town may include a Generic Environmental Impact Statement in its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Scoping process was completed with the acceptance of the Draft Scope on January 22, 2020 and acceptance of the Draft to Final Scope on February 12, 2020 by the Enfield Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Comprehensive Plan Generic Environmental Impact Statement was determined complete for public review on May 13, 2020 and subsequently filed, along with the Environmental Notice Bulletin pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.12, at which

time, an additional Public Comment period commenced for 30 days and closed on June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m, the Comprehensive Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were referred to the Tompkins County Planning Board for review with comments commending the Plan and no recommendations; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Enfield Town Board determined the Final GEIS complete on September 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as required by SEQR, a Findings Statement dated _____, related to the Action has been prepared for the Town Board for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has thoroughly reviewed the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement and all relevant documentation relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, a final review of content has been completed and suggested final edits and corrections have been offered herein to the Enfield Town Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered input provided by the many parties who have contributed to the development of the Comprehensive Plan and the Generic Environmental Impact Statement, including the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Planning Board, participants of various community focus groups, a comprehensive survey, and the Tompkins County Planning Board; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon due consideration as set forth herein, and upon review and consideration of the Findings Statement, the Town Board hereby determines that the Findings Statement:

1. Considers the relevant environmental impacts, facts and conclusions disclosed in the FGEIS;
2. Weighs and balances relevant environmental impacts with social, economic and other considerations;
3. Provides a rationale for the Town Board's decisions'
4. Meets the requirements of SEQR; and

5. Further certifies that consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations, the Action is one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable, and that adverse environmental impacts will be avoided or minimized to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the decision those mitigative measures that were identified as practicable within the Findings Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration of the aforementioned, the Town Board hereby adopts and approves the Statement of Findings, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Statement of Findings be distributed and filed as required and as according the New York Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration of the aforementioned, and upon the input of all who have contributed to the development of the Comprehensive Plan and the Generic Environmental Impact Statement, the Town Board hereby finds that approval of the Comprehensive Plan and the Generic Environmental Impact Statement is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Enfield and its citizens, and hereby adopts and approves the Comprehensive Plan and the Generic Environmental Impact Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comprehensive Plan and GEIS be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk and with the Tompkins County Planning Department, and remain posted on the Town of Enfield website, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comprehensive Plan Update and GEIS herein shall fully take the place of and fully replace the pre-existing Comprehensive Plan which was in place prior to the approval of this Resolution.