

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE TOWN BOARD TO: (I) DETERMINE THAT A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (“DSGEIS”) RELATING TO CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE ZONING MAP AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS ADEQUATE FOR COMMENCING PUBLIC REVIEW; (II) SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SDGEIS; (III) SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING MAP; AND (IV) DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN STAFF TO CIRCULATE AND PUBLISH THE NECESSARY NOTICES

WHEREAS, the Town of LaGrange Town Board (the “Town Board”) is considering certain amendments to the Town of LaGrange Zoning Map (“Zoning Map”) and Town of LaGrange 2005 Comprehensive Plan (“Comprehensive Plan”), collectively referred to hereafter as the “Proposed Action;” and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action consists of the evaluating the adoption of amendments to the Zoning Map to change 2 parcels west of the Taconic State Parkway on State Route 82 from the Town Center-Business (TC-B) District to the Commercial (C) District, 16 parcels east of the Taconic State Parkway on State Route 82 and 55 from the General Business (GB) District to the Commercial (C) District, and an approximately 0.50 acre portion of a 68.5-acre parcel in the Residential Low Density (RLD) zoning district, to the Commercial (C) District for a total of 19 parcels rezoned to the Commercial (C) District (hereafter, the “Zoning Map Amendments”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action further consists of the preparation of and evaluating the adoption of certain amendments to the Comprehensive Plan recommending a change in future land use and development around the intersections of State Route 55 and the Taconic State Parkway and State Routes 82 and 55 and reflecting the amendments to the Zoning Map (hereafter, the “Comprehensive Plan Amendments”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action also includes evaluating whether the future land use and development around the intersections of State Route 55 and the Taconic State Parkway and State Routes 82 and 55 may result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, including, *inter alia*, a proposal by Stewart’s Shops Corporation to locate a gas station and convenience store at the intersection of State Routes 82 and 55;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the Town Board determined it was necessary to prepare a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“SGEIS”) to assess certain new information that was presented to the Town regarding the Stewarts Project including facts related to, *inter alia*, traffic, community character, and cumulative impacts, which the Town Board has determined should be considered in the Town Board’s evaluation of the future land use and development around the intersections of State Route 55 and the Taconic State Parkway and State Routes 82 and 55; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, after circulating a Notice of Intent to which no objections were received, the Town Board declared itself the SEQRA Lead Agency for the Proposed Action and to prepare the SGEIS; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, after a duly noticed public hearing conducted on October 14, 2020, the Town Board adopted a Final Scope for the SGEIS pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.8 (“Final Scope”); and

WHEREAS, Town Staff and Professional Consultants have presented the Town Board with a proposed DSGEIS, dated March 15, 2021 (“DSGEIS”) for consideration with the opinion that the Board deem such document adequate for public review; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has reviewed the DSGEIS, and has determined that the DSGEIS is adequate with respect to the Final Scope and content for the purpose of commencing public review pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.9, and desires to schedule a public hearing to obtain written and oral comments on the DSGEIS; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board further desires, in order to assist it in the preparation and evaluation of the potential Comprehensive Plan Amendments, to conduct a public hearing under Town Law Section 272-a to solicit written and oral comments to assure the full opportunity for citizen participation in the preparation of such Comprehensive Plan Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further desires to schedule a public hearing to obtain written and oral comments on the Zoning Map Amendments pursuant to New York State Law and the Town of LaGrange Zoning Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town Board hereby determines that the DSGEIS is adequate with respect to its scope and content for the purpose of commencing public review in that it contains the information, contents, descriptions, technical assessments and impact evaluations identified in the Final Scope and as required by 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.9(b); and

2. The Town Board hereby directs the appropriate Town Staff to: (i) file a copy of the DSGEIS with the Town Supervisor, the Town Board and all other required parties pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.12(b); (ii) post a copy of the DSGEIS on the Town’s website and otherwise make the document available to any party requesting to review it; and (iii) distribute a notice of completion in accordance with SEQRA, including providing a copy of said notice to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) for posting on the Environmental Notice Bulletin (“ENB”); and

3. The Town Board hereby further determines that it shall hold a public hearing to accept comments on the SDGEIS on May 26, 2021 (“Public Hearing”), and directs Town Staff to distribute and publish in the newspaper and ENB the appropriate notice. The Town Board shall accept written comments on the DGEIS during a period commencing on April 29, 2021 and lasting up to an additional ten (10) days after the close of the Public Hearing; and

4. The Town Board hereby further determines that during the Public Hearing on May 26, 2021, it shall accept comments from the public to assist it in the preparation and consideration of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and directs Town Staff to distribute and publish in the newspaper the appropriate notice of such hearing. The Town Board shall also accept written comments from the public to assist in the preparation and consideration of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments during a period commencing on April 29, 2021 and lasting up to an additional ten (10) days after the close of the Public Hearing; and

5. The Town Board hereby further determines that it shall accept comments from the public to assist it in the consideration of the Zoning Map Amendments during the May 26, 2021 Public Hearing, and directs Town Staff to distribute and publish in the newspaper the appropriate notice. The Town Board shall accept written comments on the Zoning Map Amendments during a period commencing on April 29, 2021 and lasting up to an additional ten (10) days after the close of the Public Hearing.

Dated: April 28, 2021, LaGrangeville, New York

Moved: Supervisor Bell

Seconded: Councilman Jessup

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

	AYE
Supervisor Bell	AYE
Councilman Jessup	AYE
Councilman Luna	AYE
Councilman Ryan	AYE
Councilman Baright	AYE

Christine O'Reilly-Rao
Town Clerk