

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday October 26, 2020, at 10:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting stating that the purpose of the Special Meeting was regarding the Comprehensive Plan and the continuing SEQR review and adoption of the Draft Comprehensive Plan etc. The Mayor read portions of the following and asked that the Board members read it in its entirety:

**HAVERSTRAW VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND HEARING
DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DGEIS) FOR THE
VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW
2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION
PROGRAM, AND IMPLMENTING CODE AMENDMENTS**

This Notice of Completion of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) and Notice of SEQR Hearing is issued pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at Part 617 of the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations (collectively referred to as “SEQR”).

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Haverstraw (the “Village Board”), as lead and agency under SEQR, has determined that the DGEIS for “Adoption of its 2020 Comprehensive Plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and Implementing Code Amendments” dated October 26, 2020 is adequate with respect to its scope and content for the purpose of commencing public review pursuant to Part 617.9(a)(2).

The Village Board directs that the DGEIS and attached Notice of Completion and Notice of SEQR Public Hearing, shall be filed, published, and circulated in accordance with the requirements of Part 617.9 and 617.12.

The Village Board also directs that: (1) the Notice of Completion and Notice of Public Hearing be published at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the hearing date in a newspaper of general circulation and that said Notice be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB); (2) the appropriate Village staff file copies of the DGEIS with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Office of the Village Clerk for public review; (3) a copy of the DGEIS is circulated as required by law; and (4) the DGEIS is posted on the Village’s website at <http://www.voh-ny.com>.

The Village of Haverstraw gratefully acknowledges the State of New York for providing funding support for the preparation of its Comprehensive Plan and LWRP. The opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained herein are solely those of the Village of Haverstraw and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretation or policy of the State of New York. This project has been funded in part by the Climate Smart Communities Program, Title 15 of the Environmental Protection Fund through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Name of action: Adoption of Village of Haverstraw Comprehensive Plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and Implementing Code Amendments

Location: Village of Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York.

Project Sponsor: Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees

SEQRA Status: Type I

Project Description: Pursuant to SEQR, the proposed action that is the subject of the DGEIS is the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and subsequent code amendments. The draft Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) identify goals and objectives, principles, guidelines, and means to provide for, guide, and regulate the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth, and development of the Village. Subsequent code amendments must not conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, all significant land use decisions within the Village require a determination of consistency with the LWRP

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

Issuance of the Notice of Completion of the DGEIS and associated SEQR hearing is based upon the review of the Comprehensive Plan recommended by the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee and Waterfront Advisory Taskforce and the DGEIS prepared by the Town's Planning Consultant. The review, consideration and acceptance of the DGEIS is intended to provide the Village Board, the public, and involved and interested agencies with an understanding of the type of potential environmental impacts that may be associated with adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, LWRP and subsequent code amendments.

As stated in the SEQR Regulations, 6 NYCRR § 617.10(a), a Generic EIS may be used to assess the environmental impacts of "an entire program or plan having area-wide application..." In addition, this section says that "Generic EISs may be broader, and more general, than site or project-specific EISs." The broad focus of a DGEIS aids in the identification and analysis of area-wide and cumulative effects of the action. Thus, the DGEIS addresses the Comprehensive Plan's and LWRP's environmental impacts potentially resulting from implementation of the Comprehensive Plan's and LWRP's recommendations and subsequent code amendments.

The Village Board has determined that the DGEIS is adequate for the purpose of commencing public review pursuant to Part 617.9(b) and 617.10, as it provides the public and interested agencies with the necessary information to evaluate potential environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation of identified impacts.

Public Hearing on the DGEIS, Comprehensive Plan and Implementing Amendments

An important aspect of the environmental review process is that it incorporates public review and commentary into the decision-making process. Therefore, the Village Board will hold a SEQR public hearing on the DGEIS, Comprehensive Plan LWRP and Implementing Code Amendments as follows:

Date and Time of Public Hearing: November 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Venue: Haverstraw Youth & Family Services Community Center
50 West Broad Street
Haverstraw, NY 10927

Document Availability: A copy of the DGEIS document, draft Comprehensive Plan and Implementing Code Amendments and draft LWRP chapters are available for review at Village Hall, or the Village Website by clicking the document link at:
<https://voh-ny.com/comprehensive-plan/>.

For further information or to request a printed copy of the DGEIS please contact:

Judith Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Haverstraw
40 New Main Street
Haverstraw, NY 10927
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Email: judith.curcio@vohny.com

This notice has been sent to:

Involved Agencies:

Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees

Village of Haverstraw
40 New Main Street
Haverstraw, NY 10927

Department of Environmental Conservation – Office of Climate Change

c/o John Wimbush
625 Broadway, 9th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-1030

Department of State – Office of Planning and Development

c/o Joshua Hunn
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
Albany, NY 12231-001

Required Publications and Notifications:

Department of Environmental Conservation,

625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233-1750

Environmental Notice Bulletin, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt the DGEIS for the Village of Haverstraw Comprehensive Plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and Implementing Code Amendments.

RESOLUTION # 214- 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then entertained a motion to instruct the Village Clerk to publish the Notice regarding the above.

RESOLUTION # 215 - 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to refer the matter to the Village Planning Board and to the Rockland County Planning Board.

RESOLUTION # 216 - 2020

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION # 217 - 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Judith Curcio, Clerk/Treasurer