

WHEREAS, the applicant, Rogers Associates, LLC, in connection with its application for a Proposed Multifamily Residential Development on Rogers Avenue, submitted a draft Environmental Impact Statement (“draft EIS”) for review to the Planning Board, which is acting as lead agency for purposes of coordinated review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board’s consultants, including the Village Planner and Village Engineer, have reviewed the draft EIS and advised that it is complete and ready for public comment and review;

Now therefore, the Planning Board finds and resolves as follows:

1. The draft EIS meets the requirements of the final written scope, 6 NYCRR sections 617.8 (g) and 617.9 (b), and provides the public and involved agencies with the necessary information to evaluate project impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures. The Planning Board therefore accepts the draft EIS as adequate with respect to its scope and content for the purpose of commencing public review. This finding of completeness is only related to the procedural compliance with the requirements of SEQRA for purposes of allowing public comment to commence and shall not be construed as an express or implied agreement by the Planning Board as to any of the contents of the draft EIS or any specific statements or conclusions reached therein.
2. An electronic copy of the draft EIS shall be made available, as soon as practicable, on the official website of the Village of Westhampton Beach.
3. The minimum public comment period on the draft EIS shall be 30 days, which shall run from the first filing and circulation of the notice of completion
4. The Planning Board finds that a public hearing is necessary and appropriate to aid in the decision-making processes and to provide a forum for the collection of public comment. Accordingly, upon confirmation of the filing of the notice of completion (as hereafter provided), the Planning Board shall thereafter schedule a public hearing to provide the applicant, the involved agencies, and the public with a further opportunity to comment on the draft EIS and on the application. The hearing shall be conducted no less than 15 calendar days or no more than 60 calendar days after the filing of the notice of completion.
5. The Planning Board directs its consultants and staff to prepare, file and publish a notice of completion of the draft EIS and to file copies of the draft EIS in accordance with the requirements set forth in 6 NYCRR section 617.12. The notice of completion, in addition to all other requirements, shall
  - a. identify the Village’s website address where the draft EIS shall be made available for view and download,
  - b. state that the minimum public comment period on the draft EIS shall be 30 days, and
  - c. state that a public hearing will be scheduled to provide additional opportunity for comment on the draft EIS, at a time and place to be determined and published in accordance with all legal notice requirements.

6. The notice of completion of the draft EIS shall be circulated to and filed with the following persons and agencies:
  - a. the Mayor of the Village of Westhampton Beach;
  - b. the Planning Board, as lead agency;
  - c. all involved agencies;
  - d. any person who has requested a copy; and
  - e. the applicant.
7. The notice of completion of the draft EIS shall be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) maintained by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
8. A copy of the draft EIS, in electronic format, shall be sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Permits, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750.

Dated: January 28, 2021