

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2015 – 043 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PRINCETON PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP, INC. TO REPRESENT THE WATERSHED COALITION GROUP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford has devoted significant attention to matters pertaining to the Newark Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Townships of West Milford, Vernon, Hardyston, Jefferson, Rockaway and the Borough of Kinnelon all have significant lands within their municipality known as the Newark Watershed and owned by the City of Newark; and

WHEREAS, these “host” communities have collaborated to form a “Watershed Coalition” with the goal of obtaining equity with respect to these watershed lands by way of a partnership with the City of Newark, legislative initiatives and/or legal review; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has retained the services of the Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc. to act as the lead lobbyist in an effort to achieve the goals of the Watershed Coalition; and

WHEREAS, as advocates for the Watershed Coalition, Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc. will, at a minimum, devise & implement strategies to facilitate a solution to the valuation of the Newark Watershed property through either direct negotiations with the City of Newark or through the development of a legislative solution that secures West Milford’s fair share as well as monitor & recommend other potential solutions and state funding opportunities available through key departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Watershed Coalition has agreed to contribute on a monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the contract shall not exceed \$48,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bid and the contract itself must be made available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of West Milford hereby awards and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute an agreement with Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc. with offices located at The Princeton House, 160 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08608 to advocate and guide the Township Council and the Watershed Coalition in matters pertaining to the Newark Watershed in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00.
2. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$48,000.00 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
3. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Township’s official newspaper as required by law.

Adopted: January 7, 2015

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2015
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk