

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2015 - 347 ~

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SEEKING ASSEMBLYMAN JAY WEBBER'S SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL A4068

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2015 Assemblywoman Betty Lou De Croce and Assemblyman Robert Auth did introduce a bill in the State Assembly which has been numbered A4068 and which strives to establish appraisal methods for the taxation of watershed lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford is most appreciative of Assemblywoman Betty Lou De Croce and Assemblyman Robert Auth's efforts to provide equity for watershed and reservoir host communities such as West Milford; and

**WHEREAS**, West Milford is located in the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and represented by Assemblywoman Betty Lou De Croce and Assemblyman Jay Webber; and

**WHEREAS**, West Milford is the host community to the Newark Watershed and the reservoirs which provide water to millions of residents throughout the State, and

**WHEREAS**, currently watershed lands are assessed in a manner that places a significant tax burden on West Milford residents; and

**WHEREAS**, if those lands were assessed in a manner similar to that used to determine the value of other lands, the value would be higher, economic revenues would be considered and the tax burden would be fairly distributed in watershed and reservoir host communities; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that serve as hosts to watershed and reservoir lands incur costs, serve as stewards and provide an invaluable resource to the entire State which goes unrecognized every time an individual turns on a faucet, flushes a toilet, runs a load of laundry, bathes a child or simply takes a morning shower; and

**WHEREAS**, A4068 is a piece of legislation that is tremendously important to all watershed communities, West Milford in particular; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Jay Webber has advocated for local issues in the State Assembly throughout his tenure and the residents of West Milford appreciate that representation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important to the legislative process that A4068 receive support and sponsorship in the New Jersey State Assembly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that this resolution shall serve as a formal request to Assemblyman Jay Webber asking him to lend his support to A4068, become a sponsor of this legislation and advocate for its adoption in the New Jersey State Assembly.

Adopted: November 11, 2015

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015  
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk