

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2016 - 184 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SEEKING AMENDMENTS TO P.L. 2004 c.120 "HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT" TO ALLOW EXEMPTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act was signed into law in 2004 and is known as P.L. 2004 c.120; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act contains a number of exemptions for public or private schools existing at the time of the enactment of the Act for making improvements; and

WHEREAS, such exemptions are not currently provided to municipal governments whose municipalities are in the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, West Milford is located 100% in the Highlands Preservation Zone; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Act to provide exemptions to municipal governments has created hardships in providing for public needs as well as increased costs for any proposed development or improvement to municipal properties located in the Highlands region.

WHEREAS, it is clear that the needs of an entire community are not solely satisfied by the schools but are in large part provided by the municipality, including recreational facilities, facilities for emergency responders such as first aid and fire, libraries, police departments, town hall, and the like.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby urge the New Jersey State Senate to introduce legislation which would amend the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, P.L. 2004 c.120 to provide that all exemptions currently offered to public or private schools be also offered to municipal governments within the Highlands region.

Adopted: May 18, 2016

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2016
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk