

RESOLUTION 2007 - 17

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL CONTRACT WITH SIEMON & LARSEN, P.A.

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (the "Highlands Act") mandates that the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (the "Highlands Council") adopt a Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, section 6.g of the Highlands Act empowers the Highlands Council to "enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient, or desirable for the purposes of the council or to carry out any power, duty, or responsibility expressly given in" the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Highlands Council obtain an independent perspective on development and implementation of the Regional Master Plan, which perspective will be best provided by a nationally recognized planning firm with significant regional planning expertise in New Jersey and nationwide and strong knowledge of planning principles, land use law, natural resource management, smart growth design principals, transfer of development rights, real estate development, economics, housing, transportation and demographic analysis; and

WHEREAS, to address the above needs, the Highlands Council prepared a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to provide regional planning consultation, which RFQ was mailed to selected firms, printed in the Highlands Council's newspapers of record, and posted on the Highlands Council's website; and

WHEREAS, three firms submitted their qualifications for review by the Highlands Council staff, which staff reviewed; and

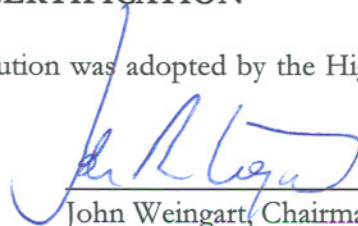
WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff recommends that the Highlands Council enter into a contract with Siemon & Larsen, P.A., a nationally prominent planning and planning law consulting firm with significant expertise in regional land use planning, to assist with the completion and implementation of the final Regional Master Plan for an amount not to exceed \$245,000;

WHEREAS, section 5.j. of the Highlands Act requires that no action taken at a meeting by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until 10 days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, after a copy of the minutes shall have been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to the expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective upon such approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Siemon & Larsen for an amount not to exceed \$245,000.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its meeting held on the 14th day of June, 2007.



John Weingart, Chairman

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CONTRACT WITH SIEMON & LARSEN, P.A.

Vote on the Approval of
this Resolution

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Calabrese	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>
Councilmember Carluccio	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Cogger	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Dillingham	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Kovach	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Letts	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Pasquarelli	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Peterson	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Schrier	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Vetrano	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Way	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Weingart	<u>✓</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Councilmember Whitenack	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>✓</u>