

A Resolution to Rescind Resolution No. 63 of 2021 and Authorize Alternate Measures to Improve Safety and Convenience at the Enfield Food Pantry

RESOLUTION # _____

Whereas, by Resolution #63-2021, adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Board on May 12, 2021, this Board agreed “to have the area in front of the Community Building [since renamed the ‘Enfield Courthouse’]paved with poured concrete” and additionally authorized the Town Supervisor to retain King Concrete to perform the paving work; and

Whereas, at the time of the authorization, the Town Highway Superintendent had expressed a willingness to assist in certain site preparation efforts in connection with this project so as to reduce the contractual costs to the Town; and

Whereas, the authorized contract with King Concrete was, for various reasons, never finally negotiated, and the paving work at the Enfield Courthouse was never performed; and

Whereas, subsequent to this Town Board’s action of May 12, 2021, the Director of the Enfield Food Pantry, whose organization would primarily benefit from this authorized improvement, has expressed reservations about the project insofar as the Food Pantry might need to close or otherwise severely curtail its food distribution operations for a protracted period during the dates of construction, thereby placing Food Pantry patrons at heightened risk of food insecurity; and

Whereas, this Town Board has budgeted up to \$25,000 for the repaving project, with King Concrete’s quoted contract estimate stated at \$12,750 on the date of the afore-stated authorization; and

Whereas, this Town Board desires to improve the safety of the parking area in front of the Enfield Courthouse, as well as its convenience, for the benefit of pantry patrons and for the benefit of Food Pantry volunteer staff, while also recognizing the concerns of the Food Pantry’s leadership and the need to complete parking area improvements as quickly as possible and in a way that minimizes disruption to Food Pantry operations; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby RESCINDS Resolution 63-2021, as no longer operating in the best interests of the Town, and be it further

Resolved, that this Town Board authorizes and encourages the director of the Enfield Food Pantry, the Town Supervisor, and the Town Highway Superintendent to confer about alternate, less disruptive short-term improvements that can be made to level, harden, smooth, and otherwise enhance the parking and pedestrian areas in front of the Enfield Courthouse, improvements that would not involve long-term curtailment of Food Pantry operations; and be it further

Resolved, that this Town Board redirects the \$12,750 that was initially authorized to cover King Concrete’s services to, instead, underwrite the Highway Superintendent’s expenses for materials and those other costs associated with the short-term improvements authorized by this Resolution, and further, that if estimated costs should exceed the sum of \$12,750, this Town Board will, as the need arises, re-visit the project to consider additional necessary funding.

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