

## **A Resolution toward engaging consultant services; Highway Facility wastewater disposal**

RESOLUTION #2026-\_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas**, the Town of Enfield, since its current highway Facility was constructed 20 years ago, has faced the requirement, imposed by environmental law and regulation, to contain and contract for disposal on a regular basis of the wastewater collected by the garage drains of its facility (garage sludge); and

**Whereas**, the Town's long-retained wastewater disposal contractor recently informed the Highway Superintendent that the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility (IAWWTF) will no longer accept the sludge for processing under the IAWWTF Pretreatment Coordination Program, a fact that officials at the IAWWTF have subsequently confirmed; and

**Whereas**, despite the Town of Enfield's newly-declared ineligibility, the IAWWTF, according to its management, continues to receive similar garage sludge from other sources, including from the Town of Newfield and Casella Disposal's local transfer facility; and

**Whereas**, the Highway Superintendent has informed this Town Board that retaining an alternate disposal contractor for this collected garage sludge would entail long-distance transport and impose upon the Town substantially increased cost, an expense rising to the point of requiring competitive bidding; and

**Whereas**, this Town Board chooses to investigate the possible steps it might take and the modifications it may implement to render its garage sludge acceptable to the IAWWTF before embarking on the bidding process and incurring additional and unplanned expense to the Town; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Enfield Town Board directs the Town Supervisor to investigate the retention of an environmental consultant to advise this Board and the Highway Superintendent on what actions may be taken to bring the Enfield Highway Facility's garage sludge into compliance with standards established by the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility (IAWWTF) so that such sludge may be accepted for processing by the IAWWTF similar to the acceptance granted other sludge producers; and be in further

**Resolved**, that the Town Supervisor report to this Town Board no later than at its February 11 regular meeting the findings of her investigation, including the identity of any prospective consultant or consultants, their services' cost to the Town, along with any recommendation she may make as to a consultant's retention.

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