

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-127**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO FILE A PRE-APPLICATION  
DIVERSION WITH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR  
A PROPOSED JCP&L SUBSTATION TO BE LOCATED ON A  
CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 5, LOT 1.01**

**WHEREAS**, Block 5, Lot 1.01 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Warren includes a conservation easement (the "Conservation Easement") for the benefit of Warren Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Conservation Easement is subject to restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreational or conservation uses by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) is proposing to locate a new 230/34.5 kV substation (the "JCP&L Substation") on a portion of the Conservation Easement; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the siting of the JCP&L Substation, it is necessary to remove the Green Acres restrictions from a 3.99 acre portion of the Conservation Easement (the "Conservation Easement Portion"); and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of the Green Acres restriction from the Conservation Easement Portion requires the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Warren wishes to apply for approval for the JCP&L Substation as a major disposal or diversion of parkland under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8, the Township of Warren held a scoping hearing on May 9, 2018 to solicit public comment on the disposal of parkland from the Conservation Easement Portion in connection with the JCP&L Substation; and

**WHEREAS**, the next step in the application process for approval of a major disposal or diversion of parkland is the filing of a pre-application under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.9; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.9(d)11, it is necessary for the Township of Warren to submit as part of its pre-application a Resolution endorsing the application to divert or dispose of parkland.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

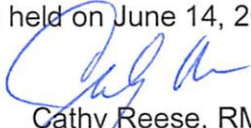
1. The Township Committee of the Township of Warren hereby endorses the filing of a pre-application for the JCP&L Substation to be located on the Conservation Easement Portion pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.

2. The Township Committee of the Township of Warren hereby finds that the siting of the JCP&L Substation on the Conservation Easement Portion would meet the minimum substantive criteria of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.1(d) by ensuring that JCP&L can continue to provide reliable service to existing customers, including approximately 4,500 customers in Warren Township, and to service the need for future demand on the system.
  
3. The Township of Warren acknowledges that in order to obtain an approval of the siting of the JCP&L Substation on the Conservation Easement Portion, all substantive and procedural requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 must be met, including compensation requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.10.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	LAZO	x			
		MARION	x			
		GARAFOLA	x			
x		DINARDO	x			
		SORDILLO	x			

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on June 14, 2018.

  
 Cathy Reese, RMC  
 Township Clerk