

**SEQR RESOLUTION
VECINO GROUP NEW YORK, LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session in the office of the Agency located at 189 Main Street, Suite 500 in the City of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York on September 26, 2024 at 8:00 o’clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Cheryl Robinson	Chairperson
David Rowley	Vice Chairperson
Jeffrey C. Lord	Treasurer
Tom Armao	Secretary
Craig Gelbsman	Member
Patricia Kennedy	Member
Andrew Marietta	Member

ABSENT:

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Jody Zakrevsky	Chief Executive Officer
Meaghan Remillard	Director of Finance and Administration
Jordan Allen	Administrative Assistant
Kurt D. Schulte, Esq.	Agency Counsel
Christopher C. Canada, Esq.	Special Counsel

The following resolution was offered by David Rowley, seconded by Tom Armao, to wit:

Resolution No. 0924-01

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DETERMINATION BY THE VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE VECINO GROUP NEW YORK, LLC PROJECT AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “Enabling Act”) and Chapter 252 of the 1973 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 910-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Act”) to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial

and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2024, Vecino Group New York, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company (the “Company”), submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 1.17 acre parcel of land located at 217 Main Street (Tax Map No. 115.17-1-52.00) in the Village of Cooperstown, Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York (the “Land”), together with an existing building located thereon (the “Existing Facility”), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately three-story, 45,000 square foot building (the “New Facility”) (the Existing Facility and the New Facility being collectively referred to as the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and equipment therein and thereon (the “Equipment”) (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter referred to as the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company, or an affiliate thereof, as an approximately 50 unit multifamily affordable housing development and other directly or indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 22, 2024 (the “Public Hearing Resolution”), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the “Public Hearing”) pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on September 9, 2024 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on September 9, 2024 at the Village of Cooperstown Village Hall located at 22 Main Street in the Village of Cooperstown, Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on September 13, 2024 in The Daily Star, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Village of Cooperstown and Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on September 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., local time at the Village of Cooperstown Village Hall located at 22 Main Street in the Village of Cooperstown, Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York, (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the “Public Hearing Report”) fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency and (F) caused a copy of the Certified Public Hearing Resolution to be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested on September 9, 2024 to the chief executive officers of the County and of each city, town, village, and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “SEQR Act”) and the regulations (the “Regulations”) adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”), the Agency has been informed that (A) the Village of Cooperstown Board of Trustees (the “Board of Trustees”) was designated to act as the “lead agency” with respect to the Project and (B) on April 29, 2024 the Board of Trustees determined that the Project will not have a “significant effect on the environment” and, therefore, that an “environmental impact statement” is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project and issued a negative declaration with respect thereto (the “Negative Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, at the time that the Board of Trustees determined itself to be the “lead agency” with respect to the Project, it was not known that the Agency was an “involved agency” with respect to the Project, and, now that the Agency has become an “involved agency” with respect to the Project, the Agency desires to concur in the designation of the Board of Trustees as “lead agency” with respect to the Project, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Negative Declaration and to indicate that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Board of Trustees was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a “significant effect on the environment” pursuant to SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY OF OTSEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (A) The Agency has received copies of, and has reviewed, the Application, an environmental assessment form prepared by the Company and the Negative Declaration (collectively, the “Reviewed Documents”) and, based upon said Reviewed Documents and the representations made by the Company to the Agency at this meeting, the Agency hereby ratifies and concurs in the designation of the Board of Trustees as “lead agency” with respect to the Project (as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA).

(B) The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Board of Trustees was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a “significant effect on the environment” pursuant to SEQRA (as such quoted phrase is used in SEQRA).

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Cheryl Robinson	VOTING	YES
David Rowley	VOTING	YES
Jeffrey C. Lord	VOTING	YES
Tom Armao	VOTING	YES
Craig Gelbsman	VOTING	YES
Patricia Kennedy	VOTING	ABSTAIN
Andrew Marietta	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

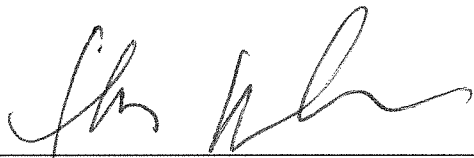
STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

I, the undersigned Secretary of County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 26, 2024 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law”), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 26th day of September, 2024.



Secretary

(SEAL)