



July 13, 2020

Honorable Don Clavin
Supervisor, Town of Hempstead
Hempstead Town Hall
One Washington St.
Hempstead, NY 11550

Re: Long Island Modernization Plan

Dear Supervisor Clavin:

As we all continue to work to renew our economy during these difficult times, we would like to request that your municipality work towards the implementation of the following changes in procedure and process which will make the current planning and permitting process more efficient:

1. Any project which will require approvals by the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board shall be subject to a joint hearing conducted by all three boards at the same time. Such an action will eliminate the need to move between such boards at different times during the approval process and will ensure that any decisions which are made by the three different boards are compatible and not contradictory with each other so as to ensure that the applicant will know exactly what is needed to proceed. Such a joint hearing, while adhering to all time periods and legal requirements, will reduce the waiting time for any project which is now required to move from one board to another.
2. A digital appointment system should be implemented as soon as possible so that all building inspections can be made online without the need for messages to go back and forth with someone in the building department. In this manner, each the schedule for each inspector shall be posted on-line and an applicant needing an inspection can go into the system and make an appointment directly within the system without the need for back and forth communications.
3. The Nassau County Department of Public Works is currently in the final stages of the implementation of a new online system for all Sec 239f applications, revisions and approvals. This new digital system will allow for transactions to be handled

digitally, without the need for multiple copies of actual documents to be delivered and stamped in person. However, as we all know, such transactions require permits from the towns, which will also need to ensure that such transactions can be handled in the same manner. We urge you and your departments to communicate directly with the Nassau County Department of Public Works to ensure that all systems can be compatible in their operations so that both systems can eliminate, to the fullest extent possible, the extensive paperwork and back and forth transactions which is now needed for permit approvals.

All of our organizations look forward to the day when all operations on Long Island can be performed digitally and we hope that your municipality can lead the way in this pursuit of a more efficient system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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cc: Long Island Town Supervisors & Village Mayors