Blue Cassel Commercial Realty, LLC SEQRA Resolution

A regular meeting of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, Nassau County, New York on May 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM, local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Richard Kessel

Lewis M. Warren Anthony Simon

Amy Flores Chris Fusco Chairman

Vice Chairman

2nd Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Asst. Secretary

NOT PRESENT:

Timothy Williams

Secretary

John Coumatos

Asst. Treasurer

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Harry Coghlan

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Danielle Oglesby

Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Executive Director

Joseph Foarile

Chief Financial Officer

Colleen Pereira

Administrative Director

Thomas D. Glascock

Agency Counsel

Andrew Komaromi

Bond/Transaction Counsel

The attached resolution no. 2019-46 was offered by Amy Flores, seconded by Lewis M. Warren:

Resolution No. 2019-46

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR BLUE CASSEL COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC IS A TYPE II ACTION UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW

Project Name:

2019 Blue Cassel Commercial Realty Project

Location:

701, 715, 721, and 729 Prospect Avenue, Town of North

Hempstead, Nassau County, New York

SEQRA Status:

Type II

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I 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 674 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 922 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, industrial and commercial 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 2008, Blue Cassel Commercial Realty, LLC ("Applicant"), a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and Blue Cassel Site A Realty, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Residential Applicant" and together with the Applicant, collectively the "Applicants") presented a joint application for financial assistance (as amended the "2008 Application") to the Agency, which 2008 Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "2008 Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land located at 701, 715, 721 and 729 Prospect Avenue, New Cassel, Town of North Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction of an approximately 123,250 square foot building (inclusive of indoor parking), together with related improvements, on the Land, excluding subtenant alterations for the retail portion of such improvements (collectively the "Building"), 19,740 square feet of which is ground floor commercial (the "Commercial Realty") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment, excluding any subtenant equipment with respect to the

retail portion of the Building (the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing to constitute a mixed-use residential/commercial facility (collectively the "2008 Project Facility"); (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 or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes, and real property taxes (but not including special assessments and ad valorem levies) (collectively the "2008 Financial Assistance"); (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the residential portion of the 2008 Project Facility to the Company; and (D) the guaranty by The Bluestone Organization, Inc. of the obligations of the Applicants in connection with the 2008 Project; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Project was a part of a coordinated effort by the Town of North Hempstead to revitalize and create a walkable downtown in the Hamlet of New Cassel and after almost 10 years, 4,000 square feet of the Commercial Realty has yet to be leased up; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, the Applicant presented an application for additional financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking an amendment of the 2008 Project (as so amended, the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) the retention of the Commercial Realty (the "Project Facility"); (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 or partial exemptions from real property taxes (but not including special assessments and ad valorem levies) for the Commercial Realty (collectively the "Financial Assistance"); (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Commercial Realty to the Company; and (D) the guaranty by The Bluestone Organization, Inc. of the obligations of the Applicant in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, et. seq., as amended (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment, the Agency has completed, received and/or reviewed (1) Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"), dated February 14, 2019; (2) NYSDEC's Environmental Resource Mapper; (3) New York State Historic Preservation Office's Cultural Resources Mapper; and (4) other relevant environmental information (collectively, 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be referred to as the "Environmental Information"); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.2(ak) of the Regulations state that a Type II action is an action or class of actions identified under Section 617.5 of the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5(a) of the Regulations state that actions identified as Type II actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under the SEQR Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5(c)(1) of the Regulations state that Type II actions not subject to further review under SEQRA include "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility"; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5(c)(2) of the Regulations state that Type II actions not subject to further review under SEQRA include "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5(c)(26) of the Regulations state that Type II actions not subject to further review under SEQRA include "routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"; and

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

- <u>Section 1</u>. Based upon a thorough review and examination of the Environmental Information and upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Land and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings with respect to the Project:
 - (1) The Agency has determined for purposes of SEQRA that any action taken by the Agency related to its consideration of the request of the Applicant for additional financial assistance for the Project in the form of an extension of the period of real property exemption for the Commercial Realty is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5 (c) (1), (2), and (26) of the Regulations and no other action for SEQRA is required.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and the Administrative Director of the Agency are hereby further authorized on behalf of the Agency, or acting together or individually, to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

 $\underline{Section\ 3}.\ This\ Resolution\ shall\ take\ effect\ immediately.$

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

Richard Kessel	VOTING Aye
Lewis M. Warren	VOTING Aye
Anthony Simon	VOTING Aye
Timothy Williams	VOTING Aye
Chris Fusco	VOTING Aye
Amy Flores	VOTING Aye
John Coumatos	VOTING Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

We, the undersigned [Assistant] Secretary and [Vice] Chairman of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on May 16, 2019 with the original thereof on file in our office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE 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.

WE 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, we have hereunto set our respective hands and affixed the seal of the Agency this **b** th day of May, 2019.

[Vice] Chairman

[Asst.] Secretary

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