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“Town of Halfmoon Announces Changes to Process in Traffic Engineering Services”

Supervisor Kevin Tollisen announced today that the Halfmoon Town Board enacted a resolution changing the process by which traffic engineering studies are conducted for both residential and commercial development projects in the Town. Under the prior system, applicants who were seeking to build residential or commercial properties would be required under certain circumstances to obtain a traffic study from a professional traffic engineering firm and submit it to the Town. Supervisor Tollisen outlined the new process as the Town will now hire the traffic engineering firm to conduct a traffic study on the area to be affected to determine any and all traffic impacts. The builder will still be required to pay for the traffic study but the monies will be deposited into an escrow account for the builder and will be paid out of the escrow account.

Supervisor Tollisen explained that this change that was adopted at the last Town Board meeting “will aid the Town Board and Planning Board to better rely on the certified traffic studies they receive as they will be completed and certified to Town, thus creating a more neutral and fair process to ensure that traffic impacts are mitigated for Town residents”.

Richard Harris, Director of Planning stated that the traffic study reports created for the Town will provide the Town Board and Planning Board with “the best possible traffic information to the Town and recommend additional solutions for traffic flow in the affected area”.

The Town has prepared and sent a REI to interested individuals and/or firms. All Expressions of Interest with qualifications must be submitted to the Town Clerk, Lynda Bryan, by 2:00pm on June 4th. The Town Board will open them at the Town Board meeting that evening. Supervisor Tollisen stated that all individuals/firms that are qualified will be used for traffic impact studies and will be rotated for each project requiring a traffic study.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the Town Supervisor, Kevin J. Tollisen X2200, or Richard Harris, Director of Planning at X2601.