

BOROUGH OF KINNELON ANNOUNCES HIGHLANDS APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

Mayor Collins is very excited to announce that at the August 16th, 2018 Highlands Council Hearing, the Council approved the Kinnelon Community Center Project. Kinnelon demonstrated a compelling need for the Project, and provided a project that was designed with significant minimization and mitigation efforts. This has been the culmination of over 8 years of searching for a property that was suitable for a community center and shelter, as well as natural athletic fields. The proposed Community Center and Shelter will include meeting rooms, a multi-purpose room, a kitchen, restroom facilities, and will provide emergency shelter for the Borough.

The NJDEP Highlands staff was very helpful throughout the entire process. Their capital project review provided the Highland Council with a Recommendation Report that concludes that the Project is consistent with the Regional Master Plan, with conditions provided in the application including providing 133% groundwater recharge onsite, and preserving a 62.83 acre mitigation parcel.

The Borough will now proceed with closing on the Property, which it is purchasing from the Pompton Plains Reformed Bible Church. The Borough will be utilizing their Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant, which will pay for 50% of the acquisition cost.