

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #17-254

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FARM LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM WATKINSON**

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan acquired Block 5, Lot 17.13 (the "Property") as part of the approval of the Raritan Estate Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, William Thomas Watkinson, Flemington, New Jersey ("Watkinson") has been farming the Property since the acquisition, and entered into a lease agreement with the Township, which lease agreement has expired; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to continue to lease the property for farming purposes and desires to continue the lease (the "Lease") with Watkinson according to the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease annexed hereto as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, open public bidding at auction is not required for this lease pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14.1; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan has accepted Green Acres funding for various acquisitions, therefore, all Township Open Space must meet the requirements set forth by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program, which will require that rules and regulations pertaining to leases of Green Acres encumbered property must be followed; and

WHEREAS, this Lease is subject to the approval of the NJDEP Green Acres Program.

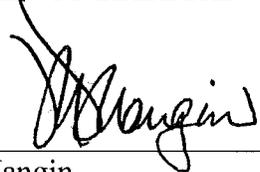
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a lease with William Watkinson for lease of the Property for farming purposes for a term to expire October 31, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease annexed hereto as Schedule "A," and in accordance with Green Acres rules and regulations.

ATTEST:



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**



Michael Mangin
Deputy Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Lisa Fania, Clerk of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on October 17, 2017.



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk