

Draft Resolutions – February 18, 2016 Town Board Meeting

- 1. Oil-water separator – Resolved**, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to engage Engineer Pat Prendergast to assist in the design and installation of an oil-water separator tank system at the Town Garage for a total cost not to exceed \$25,000, and it is further resolved that as part of the installation of the oil-water separator, the Highway Superintendent will arrange to test for contamination around the current tank and in the storm water retention pond, and if any contamination is found, the Highway Superintendent will solicit estimates to remove any contamination found and secure Town Board approval for the cost of such removal.
- 2. Town Clerk training – Resolved**, that the Town Clerk Monica Cleveland is authorized to attend Town Clerk training in Saratoga in April, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$600.
- 3. Court/Planning/Zoning training – Resolved**, that Court Clerk and Planning/ZBA Secretary Colleen Lutz is authorized to attend Court and Planning/Zoning training in February, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$600.
- 4. Right to farm law public hearing – Resolved**, that the Ancram Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Right to Farm Law at 6.45 pm on April 21, 2016, prior to the April TB meeting.
- 5. Climate Smart Communities resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ancram believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Ancram, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

1. Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
2. Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
3. Decrease community energy use.
4. Increase community use of renewable energy.
5. Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
6. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use policies.
7. Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
8. Support development of a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Commit to an evolving process of climate action.