

## Draft Resolutions - 4/20/2023

**1) Town Court Audit - Whereas** section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Act requires that town justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their town auditing boards, and whereas the Ancram Town Court presented its records and dockets to the Town of Ancram Financial Advisory Council for audit on April 15, 2023, and whereas the Financial Advisory Council audited Ancram court records and dockets and found them to be in order, therefore, it is **Resolved** that the Ancram Town Supervisor will notify the Office of Court Administration that this audit was performed and will send a copy of this resolution and the audit documents to the Office of Court Administration.

**2) Building Department and Planning Board/ZBA Audits – Resolved**, that the Ancram Town Board acknowledges receipt of the audits conducted by members of the Financial Advisory Council of the 2022 financial books and records of the Building Department on April 15, 2023 and of the Planning Board and ZBA on April 17, 2023, conducted by members of the Financial Advisory Council, which indicate the audited financial books and records are in order.

**3) ZBA Training – Resolved**, that Carol Falcetti is authorized to attend the 2023 NY Planning Federation Conference and be reimbursed the for costs not to exceed \$750.

**4) Tobacco and Smoke-Free Facilities Resolution** - The Town of Ancram hereby adopts the following resolution to establish tobacco and smoke-free zones at all Town facilities, including parks, playgrounds and the Town pool:

Definitions - "Tobacco and Smoking Products" refers to all manufactured products containing tobacco or nicotine, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chew, electronic cigarettes, and all other smoking or vaping products; "Smoke" or "Smoking" means: (1) inhaling, exhaling, or burning any tobacco, nicotine, cannabinoid hemp, cannabis product, or plant product, whether natural or synthetic; (2) carrying any lighted, heated, or activated tobacco, nicotine, cannabinoid hemp, cannabis product, or plant product, whether natural or synthetic; or (3) using an electronic smoking device or hookah. "Smoke" or "Smoking" does not include the certified medical use of cannabis.

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for the premature deaths of over 450,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to have reduced lung function and symptoms of respiratory irritation; and

WHEREAS, children with asthma who are exposed to secondhand smoke are especially at risk for having their condition worsened by secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year; and

WHEREAS, 90% of smokers started smoking by or before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 13 years old; and

WHEREAS, everyday an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes and vaping are designed to deliver nicotine, a highly addictive drug; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes and vaping are the most common nicotine products used by teens; 25% of high school students in New York use some form of e-cigarette; and

WHEREAS, nicotine exposure causes changes in the developing brain that affect learning, attention, and susceptibility to other addictions; and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment;

THEREFORE, the Town of Ancram, Columbia County, resolves that at all Town facilities, parks, playgrounds, ballfields, recreation areas and at the Town pool appropriate signage will be posted designating these areas to be tobacco, smoke, e-cigarette and cannabis free zones.

