

Proposed Resolutions - 10/19/2023

1) BAR Reappointments – Resolved, that Frederique Abramovici be reappointed to a 5 year term on the Board of Assessment Review ending 9/30, 2028, and that Joe Brown be reappointed to a 1 year term as a temporary/alternate member of the Board of Assessment Review ending 9/30, 2024.

2) 2023 Preliminary Budget - Resolved, that the 2024 Preliminary Budget is approved as presented.

3) NYS Mandatory Training – Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to schedule mandatory annual preventing sexual harassment and workplace violence training and to enter into an agreement with the County of Columbia to provide this training.

4) County Planning Board - Resolved, that the Town of Ancram recommends the reappointment of Steve Savarese to the Columbia County Planning Board as the Region 8 representative for a three year term.

5) Community Rescue Squad – Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Community Rescue Squad for emergency medical and ambulance services for the Town of Ancram for 2024 at a cost of \$133,712, and to enter into a chargeback agreement with the County of Columbia to authorize the County to pay the Community Rescue Squad \$133,712 and include this expense as part of the 2024 annual County property tax charged to Ancram property owners.

6) Delta Dental - Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into an agreement with Delta Dental to provide dental services to Town of Ancram employees who enroll in the Delta Dental program and agree to pay for these services.

7) Residential accessory uses fee revision – Resolved, that the fee for special use permits for accessory residential uses be reduced from \$500 to \$150 effective immediately, and that the renewal fee for accessory residential uses be reduced to \$75.

8) Columbia County CSCTF – Resolved, that Suzan Flam be reappointed as the Town of Ancram representative to the Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task force.

9) Final Budget Public Hearing – Resolved, that the Ancram Town Board will hold a public hearing on the 2024 Final Budget on November 16 at 6:45 pm at the Ancram Town Hall

10) Pro-Housing Communities Resolution - WHEREAS, the Town of Ancram believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that infill development, which develops vacant or under-utilized parcels within areas that are already largely developed, reduces sprawl, supports walkable communities, and provides significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Ancram, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
6. Enacting policies that encourage infill development which reduces sprawl, supports walkable communities, and preserves open space, agricultural land, and forested areas.