Draft Resolutions for the 2/17/2011 Town Board Meeting

1. **Wind Turbine Law:** Whereas the Wind Turbine law of 2011 has been reviewed by the Zoning Revision Committee, the Conservation Advisory Council, the Ancram Town Board, the County Planning Board, and the public via a public hearing, and whereas the Ancram Town Board has conducted a long form SEQRA assessment of the impact of this law and made a negative declaration, therefore it is resolved that the Wind Turbine Law of 2011 is adopted pursuant to the detailed resolution below:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD FOR THE
Town of Ancram

In the Matter of the Adoption of the
Town of Ancram Non-Commercial Wind Power Facilities Law

WHEREAS, the Town of Ancram adopted a Comprehensive Plan, which is a statutorily recognized instrument under Town Law §272-a for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development in a Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ancram Comprehensive Plan encouraged use of alternative energy sources in a manner that also protects the environment and character of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ancram Town Board identified that a local law was needed to properly review and site non-commercial wind power facilities in order to protect the environment and enhance the health, safety and welfare of the community and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ancram Zoning Revisions Committee prepared a draft law in accordance with the adopted Town of Ancram Comprehensive Plan with the assistance of a professional planner and attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the draft Non-Commercial Wind Power Facilities Law and conducted a public hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ancram has caused to be prepared a Long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) pursuant to the mandates of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL Article 8 and 6 NYCRR Part 617); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the contents of the EAF and completed Part 2 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental inquiry and taken a hard look at them; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has issued a negative declaration under SEQRA thereby complying with the mandates of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed requirements of NYS General Municipal Law 239-m by forwarding a copy of the draft plan to the Columbia County Planning Department and waiting 30 days for their response;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE TOWN BOARD OF ANCRAM, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK:

THAT THE Town Board of the Town of Ancram hereby adopts Local Law # ____ of 2011, herein referred to as the Town of Ancram Non-Commercial Wind Power Facilities Law; and

THAT THE Town Board shall file such local law along with a certified local law filling form according to requirements of and with the New York State Department of State.

Motion Made by:

Motion Seconded by:

Vote:

_____Yea
_____No

2. **Senior Property Tax Exemption:** Resolved that the Ancram Town Board approves increasing by $1000 the amount of income which qualifies senior citizens for a property tax exemption, to a sliding scale range of between $29,000 and 37,400, so the Town of Ancram senior citizen exemption is consistent with the Columbia County sliding scale adopted for 2011, which is as follows:

Annual Income	% of Exemption
$29,000.00 and under	50
$29,000.01-29,999.99	45
$30,000.00-30,999.99	40
$31,000.00-31,999.99	35
$32,000.00-32,899.99	30
$32,900.00-33,799.99	25
$33,800.00-34,699.99	20
$34,700.00-35,599.99	15
$35,600.00-36,499.99	10
$36,500.00-37,399.99	5

3. **Disabled/low income property tax exemption:** Resolved that the Ancram Town Board approves increasing by $1000 the amount of income which qualifies disabled and low income taxpayers for a property tax exemption, to a sliding scale range of between $27,000 and 37,400, so the town of Ancram disabled and low income exemptions are consistent with the Columbia County sliding scale adopted for 2011, which is as follows:

Annual Income	**% of Exemption**
$29,000.00 and under	**50**
$29,000.01-29,999.99	**45**
$30,000.00-30,999.99	**40**
$31,000.00-31,999.99	**35**
$32,000.00-32,899.99	**30**
$32,900.00-33,799.99	**25**
$33,800.00-34,699.99	**20**
$34,700.00-35,599.99	**15**
$35,600.00-36,499.99	**10**
$36,500.00-37,399.99	**5**

4. **Town Audit:** Whereas NYS law require that the Town Board audit the town's books annually, and whereas this audit has not been performed in some time, **therefore** it is resolved that the Town Supervisor be authorized to retain a qualified individual to review the town's books and report his findings to the town board, **and further**, it is resolved that this review of the town's books be performed for a cost not to exceed $1500.