

# Draft Resolutions - Ancram Town Board Meeting – 2/21/201

## 1. ZRC Package 4 Adoption

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD FOR THE Town of Ancram

In the Matter of the Adoption of the

Town of Ancram Zoning Law Amendments Package 4:

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 encourages the Town to improve its zoning ordinance to be more effective and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ancram Town Board, created the Ancram Zoning Revisions Committee to draft changes to the Ancram Zoning Ordinance as recommended in the Town of Ancram Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ancram Zoning Revisions Committee after careful review, prepared these draft amendments to the Zoning Ordinance 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 amendments in Package 4 and submitted them to the Town of Ancram Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Advisory Council for advisory opinions, 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 Parts 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 Package 4 of the Town of Ancram amendments to the Zoning Ordinance; and

THAT THE Town Board shall enter these amendments into the minutes of the Town Board and shall publish a summary or abstract of these amendments once in the official newspaper of the Town; and

THAT THE Town Board instructs the Town Clerk of the Town of Ancram to maintain a file in her office in the Town Hall to contain all parts of these amendments; and

THAT THE Town Board ensure that all parts of these amendments be posted on the Town's website; and

THAT THE Town Board cause affidavits of the publication and posting of the amendments be filed with the Town Clerk.

Motion Made by:

Motion Seconded by:

Vote:

\_\_\_\_\_Yea

\_\_\_\_\_No

- 2. Inter-municipal support:** Whereas the Ancram Highway Department is often asked to provide equipment and manpower to support the road maintenance and major construction project activities of nearby Towns, schools and other municipalities, and whereas the Ancram Highway Department receives similar equipment and manpower support from nearby Towns, schools and other municipalities when it needs such support, therefore it is resolved that the Ancram Highway Superintendent is authorized to provide and receive inter-municipal support as he deems necessary and beneficial, and it is further resolved that when providing or receiving such inter-municipal support, that the Highway

Superintendent will notify the Town Superintendent, who will notify the Town Board of these activities.

**3. Inter-municipal Sweeper Grant:**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Taconic Hills Central School District and the Towns of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale (collectively referred to as the “Taconic Hills Municipal Facilities Collaborative”) are seeking to reduce overall operational costs by purchasing and sharing essential facilities maintenance equipment; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency grant program 2013 presents an opportunity to receive fiscal assistance for implementing programs that reduce overall governmental costs by sharing services and resources; and

WHEREAS, the School District and the surrounding Towns have a history of inter-municipal cooperation specifically focused on public works and other municipal improvement projects and services; and

WHEREAS, operating under the jointly approved inter-municipal agreement, the Taconic Hills Municipal Facilities Collaborative desires to jointly purchase and operate a new sweeper/vacuum vehicle by applying for grant money through the Grant program above; and

WHEREAS, the Taconic Hills Central School District as the Lead Applicant, and the three co-applicants, the Towns of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale, will be applying for \$200,000.00 in Local Government Efficiency grant funds to implement this project; and

WHEREAS, the Taconic Hills Central Scholl District as the Lead Applicant, and the three co-applicants, the Town of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale, will each commit \$5,000.00 as the required 10% local share; and

WHEREAS, the municipal co-applicants of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale have agreed to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the School District in which the shared services are listed in detail pending approval of this grant application; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ancram authorizes the Taconic Hills Central School District to apply as the Lead Applicant to implement the Taconic Hills Municipal Facilities Maintenance Collaborative under the New York State Local Government Efficiency grant program for 2013, with the towns of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale serving as co-applicants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Neil Howard, be designated the Lead Contact Person (or his designee), to submit said application, and to execute all financial and/ or administrative processes relating to the grant program.

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**4. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STISSING SPRINT TRIATHLON COMMITTEE'S REQUEST FOR A PERMANENT, YEAR ROUND SHARED ROADWAY AND BIKE COURSE TO INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF BICYCLE AND "SHARE THE ROAD" SIGNS.**

It is hereby resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Ancram, County of Columbia, State of New York that:

**WHEREAS**, the Stissing Sprint Triathlon Committee met with the New York State Department of Transportation Planning Board with regard to creating a permanent, year round shared roadway and bike route, along a portion of roadway as outlined on Exhibit A (attached),

**WHEREAS**, the Stissing Sprint Triathlon Committee will meet with the Highway Superintendents of the town's of Pine Plains, Ancram and Gallatin for their input and support,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Ancram, agrees that a permanent bike route will benefit the Town of Ancram economically and socially,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Ancram does hereby support the Stissing Sprint Triathlon Committee's request for a permanent, year round shared roadway and bike course to include the installation of bicycle and "share the road" signs.

**5. Local Law #1 of 2013 – Ancram Dog Control Law:** Whereas the Town of Ancram Noise Law, Local Law #1 of 1997, contains provisions dealing with the control of barking dogs, and whereas recent experience with Local Law #1 of 1997 has

indicated that this law requires modification, and whereas the Ancram Town Board has instructed the Town supervisor to develop a stand-alone Dog Control Law to improve on the barking dog provisions of the 1997 Noise Law, and whereas the proposed new Dog Control Law, Local Law #1 of 2013 has been presented to a public hearing for comment, and whereas public comments on the proposed Dog Control Law have been duly considered, therefore it is resolved that Local Law #1, the Ancram Dog Control Law, is hereby adopted, and will take effect once it has been filed by the Town Clerk with the NYS Secretary of State.

6. **Revoke wind turbine special use permits:** Whereas two special use permits were issued in 2010 by the Zoning Board of Appeals to authorize the construction and operation of wind turbines on Carson Road in Ancramdale, and whereas these special use permits were granted based on information, literature and representations presented by the applicants and their representatives which claimed that these wind turbines were virtually silent, and whereas it has become apparent that during certain wind conditions these turbines make groaning and/or hovering helicopter noises that disturb the neighbors' peace and quiet, and whereas the neighbors in the area of these turbines have been complaining to the Town about the noises, and whereas the applicants have made efforts to mitigate the objectionable noises made by the turbine which have so far been unsuccessful, **therefore it is resolved**, that the Ancram Town Supervisor shall initiate actions to revoke the special use permits for the turbines on Carson Road under the provisions of the special use permits granted, which state that any permit which is issued based on misrepresentations, or failure to disclose material facts, may be revoked.