

Draft Resolutions - Ancram Town Board Meeting – 6/19/2014

1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING TOWN OF ANCRAM ZONING LAW AMENDMENT: Section V (H) Ridgeline and Steep Slope Protection

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 a draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance related to the protection of ridgeline and steep slopes in accordance with the adopted Town of Ancram Comprehensive Plan with the assistance of a professional planner and attorney; and

WHEREAS the Town Board submitted the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments (Package 4) to the Columbia County Planning Board as required by NYS General Municipal Law 239-m and received approval and comments back from them within the allowed 30 day review period, and

WHEREAS, sub-section V(H) was revised to address the comments from the Columbia County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held multiple public hearings on the updated Section V(H) Ridgeline Protection, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had previously declared itself Lead Agency and conducted an environmental assessment according to SEQRA, 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after declaring itself lead agency on December 20, 2012 and after consideration of the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part I and Part II on January 17, 2013, found that the proposed amendments, including ridgeline and steep slope protection, would benefit the environment when future development occurs and would not cause significant adverse impacts; and

WHEREAS, such SEQRA determination included the discussion, review, and analysis of potential significant environmental impacts related to the proposed ridgeline/steep slope

development standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on February 21, 2013 adopted Package 4 zoning amendments with the exception of Section V (H) Ridgeline Protections so as to incorporate such suggestions offered by the County Planning Board and to address issues raised by the public related to such section; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board asked the ZRC to conduct a comprehensive analysis to identify critical ridgeline and steep slope areas that contribute significantly to the community character of Ancram, and such analysis was done via GIS tools, field reconnaissance, and public input; and

WHEREAS, the ZRC analysis resulted in a map that is accepted as important ridgeline and steep slope areas in Ancram and is incorporated into a ridgeline and steep slope overlay protection district map; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the original negative declaration dated January 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental inquiry related to the ridgeline/steep slope protection zoning and taken a hard look at them; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has issued an amended negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA Part 617.7 (e) thereby complying with the mandates of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had approval pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law 239-m for adoption of the original Package 4 which included the ridgeline protection section and this updated Section V(H) incorporates the suggestions made by the County Planning Board.

**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 the Town of Ancram amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Section V(H) including the Ridgeline/Steep Slope Overlay Protection District map; 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. Audit of Town Books and Records – Whereas, all members of the Town Board and Financial Advisory Council have received and reviewed monthly Town financial reports during 2013, and

Whereas, members of the Financial Advisory Council and Town Board have reviewed the financial processes and controls and underlying financial books and records of the Town Supervisor, Tax Collector and Town Court for the year ending 2013, and

Whereas, members of the Town Board and Financial Advisory Council have completed the financial management checklists for the Town Supervisor, Town Tax Collector and Town Court provided by the NYS Comptroller’s Division as part of the Comptroller’s Division Fiscal Management Manual, and

Whereas members of the Financial Advisory Council and Town Board have concluded that the 2013 books and records of the Town Supervisor, Tax Collector and Town Court have been maintained in a satisfactory manner,

Therefore it is resolved that the Ancram Town Board approves the 2013 books and records of the Town Supervisor, Tax Collector and Town Court, and , **That it is further resolved** that Town Board has met its responsibilities for financial oversight and review and audit of the financial management processes and procedures of the Town of Ancram, as required by Town Law.