

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Resolution No. - #38
Climate Smart Communities

August 13, 2020

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, held at the Town Hall, #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Kathleen Cashen ;
Seconded by: Stephen Hook ;

WHEREAS, The Town of Claverack believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods, harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economics, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Claverack, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**

9) Inform and inspire the public.

10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

The following Town Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Stephen Hook	Councilman

The following Town Board members voted "No" in opposition to said Resolution:

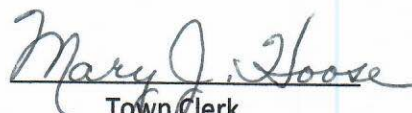
"None"

The following Town Board members were absent:

Brian Keeler	Councilman
George Duntz	Councilman

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Supervisor.




Town Clerk