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**TOWN OF DOVER TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016**

The Town of Dover Town Board held a regular meeting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at the Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains, NY with the following members present:

Supervisor Linda French
Deputy Supervisor Richard Yeno
Councilwoman Jane Meunier
Councilman Paul Palmer
Councilman Joshua Viertel

(RESOLUTION # 1592016)

**RESOLUTION TO BECOME A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY AND APPROVE APPLICATION
FOR CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM**

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Viertel, seconded by Councilwoman Meunier, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town Dover, (hereinafter "local government") 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 species 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 economies, 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town OF Dover 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:

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PROGRAM (continued)**

1. Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
2. Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
3. Decrease community energy use.
4. Increase community use of renewable energy.
5. Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
6. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use tools.
7. Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
8. Support development of a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Commit to an evolving process of climate action.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Dover hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk to prepare and submit a grant application to the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities for grant funds to assist with a series of priority actions required to complete the certification;

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor French	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Deputy Supervisor Yeno	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Meunier	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Palmer	Voting <u>Aye</u>
Councilman Viertel	Voting <u>Aye</u>

The Resolution was thereupon adopted on July 27, 2016.

CERTIFICATION

I, KATHRYN PALMER-HOUSE, hereby certify that I am the TOWN CLERK for the TOWN OF DOVER, in said County of DUTCHESS, and do hereby certify the above is a true copy of the **RESOLUTION TO BECOME A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY AND APPROVE APPLICATION FOR CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM**.

I further certify the record is located at the Dover Town Hall, in the Town Clerk's Office located at 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains, New York. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 28th day of July, 2016.

(Seal)


Kathryn Palmer-House, Town Clerk