

RESOLUTION #137 (2016) – ADOPT CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden 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,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Dryden, 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. 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.


RESOLVED, further, That the Town Clerk shall email an executed, certified copy of this resolution to climatechange@dec.ny.gov.
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STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS}SS.:
TOWN OF DRYDEN }

I, Bambi L. Avery, duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Dryden at a regular meeting of said Town Board held on the 18th day of August, 2016, and that it is a true and exact copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Dryden this 7th day of September, 2016.


Bambi L. Avery, Town Clerk

