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RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2018

WHEREAS, the Town of New Scotland Town Board (hereinafter "Town") is concerned that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to the environment 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, ecological communities, and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the action needed to address and respond to the challenges and risks presented by the effects of climate change provides an opportunity to: save money; build livable, energy-independent communities; promote innovation economies; promote healthy and safe schools; and design and build resilient infrastructures; and

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

WHEREAS, communities should take immediate steps to adapt to the effects of climate change,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, hereby *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, a 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.**

A motion by Member Leinung, seconded by Member Greenberg, to adopt Resolution No. 133 of 2018.

In favor:	4 Ayes
Opposed:	1 Nay
Motion Approved:	4 Ayes

I Diane R. Deschenes, Clerk of the Town of New Scotland, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution on file in my office and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof as duly adopted by said Town Board at a meeting duly called and held at the New Scotland Town Hall on June 13, 2018 by the required necessary vote of the members to approve the resolution.

WITNESS, my hand and the official seal of the Town of New Scotland, New York, the 18th day of June 2018


Diane R. Deschenes, Town Clerk

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