

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION NO. 36 of 2020

At a Regular Meeting of the Kirkland Town Board of the Town of Kirkland, Oneida County, New York, held at the Town of Kirkland Municipal Building, 3699 State Route 12B, in said Town, on the 27th day of May, 2020.

RESOLUTION #36

Upon motion by Councilman Maxam, seconded by Councilwoman Yando, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board amend and accept the resolution to become a Climate Smart Community.

Resolution: To Become A Climate Smart Community

WHEREAS, the Town of Kirkland (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,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Kirkland, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge (within the parameters of its budgetary constraints), 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.**

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert Meelan	Aye
Councilman Michael O'Neil	Aye
Councilwoman Donna Yando	Aye
Councilman Garry Colarusso	Aye
Councilman Richard Maxam	Aye

State of New York)
)ss.:
County of Oneida)

I, Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk of the Town of Kirkland,
HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this copy of the resolution
designated as Resolution No. 36 for 2020 of the Town of Kirkland with the
original record thereof on file in this Office, and that the same is a correct
transcript there from, and of the whole of said original.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal
of the Town of Kirkland, Oneida County, New York, this 1st day of July,
2020.


Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk