

Resolution No. ____ of 2016

URGING the Ulster County Public Works Department to lower the speed limit on Route 299, a between Spring Town Road and Jenkins Road in the Town of New Paltz from 55 mph to 45 mph

WHEREAS, In New York State, the statutory speed limit on all roads is 55 mph and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has the authority to establish speed limits on state highways, county, and town roads, and

WHEREAS, Route 299, a between Spring Town Road and Jenkins Road in the Town of New Paltz is a popular route for bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, cyclists are faced with life-threatening conditions as cars driving over 55 miles an hour pass by them just inches away, and

WHEREAS, cyclists have been hit or run off the road causing them to crash and suffer varying degrees of injuries, and

WHEREAS, a nearly six-mile stretch of Route 299 from the Carmine Liberta Bridge to the intersection of Rt. 44/55 is a vital link for those traveling from New Paltz to some of the most beautiful recreational opportunities in the Hudson Valley, and

WHEREAS, this stretch of road is also part of the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway but it can only be enjoyed by those in motor vehicles or by the most experienced cyclists who are willing to take serious risks,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to transmit this resolution to the County Commissioner of Public Works of the County of Ulster, asking the Department of Transportation to 1) establish a lower maximum speed of 45 mph on Route 299, a County Road between Springtown Road and Jenkins Road, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and 2) complete a TE9a form with the NYSDOT.

VOTE

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Dan Torres	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Jeff Logan	_____	_____	_____
Councilman Marty Irwin	_____	_____	_____
Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted. / rejected