

RESOLUTION

**Proposed Grant of Conservation Easement
Taliaferro Farms**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Community Center, in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the ____ day of _____, 2017, at _____ o'clock P.M., Prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

The following resolution was offered by Council Member _____ who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ulster County Open Space Plan and the Ulster County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, the County, together with the Town of New Paltz and Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. are proposing to partially fund the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement (the "Easement") to be held by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc. on approximately 32.02 acres of active farmland (S-B-L: 86.3-2-8) owned by Robin and Sylvester Taliaferro located at 187 Plains Road in the Town of New Paltz (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the town's Open Space Bond Acquisition Fund, established pursuant to Chapter 44, "Agriculture and Open Space Preservation and Acquisition" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz (adopted by the Town of New Paltz as Local Law 4-007) the Town of New Paltz proposes to partially fund in an amount not to exceed \$129,000.00 the purchase of the aforesaid agricultural conservation easement (the "Easement") to be held by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, a New York not-for-profit conservation organization, has determined such conservation to be desirable and beneficial and has agreed to accept the grant to it of such proposed Conservation Easement;

WHEREAS, the State of New York has recognized the importance of private efforts to preserve land in a natural, scenic, and open condition by conservation easements, including easements in gross, by the enactment of Article 49 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the “Conservation Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified and desires to assure the preservation of the property’s conservation values which are of significant importance to the town and county, the people of New Paltz, the State of New York and the general public and are worthy of preservation; and

WHEREAS, preservation of these conservation values will contribute to the community’s and the public’s experience and appreciation of the scenic, aesthetic, recreational and open space values of Ulster County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz is hereby authorized to execute and acknowledge on behalf of the town a Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of such Conservation Easement to the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, a not-for-profit conservation organization, to preserve and protect the property’s valuable scenic, natural and recreation resources, such agreement to be in substantially the same form as attached hereto; and it is further

RESOLVED that the supervisor is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the town such other and further instruments as are necessary to give full force and effect to the purposes and intents of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution is subject to permissive referendum and shall not be final until the passage of thirty (30) days from the date thereof, or after an election, if such is the subject of a petition, under Town Law Sections 82 and 90, in connection with this resolution, and the Town Clerk shall publish and post this resolution, or an abstract thereof, along with a notice, within ten (10) days in accordance with Town Law.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	_____	_____	_____

Council Member Daniel Torres

Council Member Marty Irwin

Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.