

**RESOLUTION**

**TO DESIGNATE TOWN BOARD LEAD AGENCY TO REVIEW ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED GRANT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO  
WALLKILL VALLEY LAND TRUST, INC.  
Mill Brook Preserve**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, 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:

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
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**, the Town of New Paltz is the owner in fee simple of certain real property consisting of two (2) tax parcels as follows: (1) approximately 7.2434 acres and designated on the tax map as S-B-L 86.8-6-6; and (2) approximately 63.2 acres designated on the tax map as S-B-L 86.2-1-6.100, (hereinafter the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town, as owner in fee of the Property, desires to identify and to assure the preservation in perpetuity of the property's conservation values and to assure access to the Property by the general public for passive recreation in perpetuity; 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 a Conservation Easement in order to restrict the further development of the Property and to preserve the property's scenic, natural and recreation values;

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of such conservation easement must be reviewed to determine any potential impact on the surrounding environment as defined by the Environmental Conservation Law in Section 8-0105(6); and

**WHEREAS**, any project having a potential impact on the environment must have such impact determined by a lead agency pursuant to the State Act and Town Code, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said State Act and Town Code, a lead agency must be designated to review the proposed project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations (6 NYCRR part 617) hereby makes the following determinations and classifications with respect to the Town proposed action:

1. The action does not involve a Federal agency, and does not involve other agencies as the action consists of the grant by the Town of an interest in land owned by the Town.

2. The Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the action as an Unlisted Action upon a finding that the proposed action does not constitute a Type II Action nor does it meet or exceed any of the thresholds for Type I Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.4

3. The Town Board hereby designates itself lead agency with respect to the action referred to.

4. The Town Board has caused to be prepared a short form Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and will conduct an uncoordinated review under SEQRA unless and until it determines that the proposed amendment may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<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.