

**RESOLUTION – SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR THE 2016 ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE AND INFRASTRUCTURE MUNICIPAL REBATE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz seeks to promote a resilient, vibrant, and sustainable local economy that benefits its residents and local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board recognizes that the impacts of climate change pose threats to our community, and that the public welfare is best served by policies and programs that reduce dependence on fossil fuels and promote investments in clean energy infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation sector accounts for nearly 45% of GHG emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region, according to the 2013 Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan, and promotion of electric vehicle (“EV”) use must be an important component of the Town’s efforts to address climate change and reduce GHG emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of a public EV charging station in the Community Center parking lot located at 3 Veteran’s Drive would serve these planning priorities and objectives by bringing visitors to town and encouraging travel by foot to shops, restaurants and recreational and cultural amenities while vehicles are being charged; and

**WHEREAS**, an EV charging station in New Paltz’s downtown would be within the typical EV driving range of New York City for the new generation of EV models and would help boost tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of a public EV charging station will also encourage adoption of electric vehicles by reducing “range anxiety” and by increasing public awareness of electric vehicles and their benefits, thereby contributing to the shift to clean vehicles locally and regionally; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) offers a rebate of \$8,000 per port for an EV charging station, covering 80% of the total project costs, including electricity for charging and networking fees/subscriptions for up to two years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz desires to purchase and install a public EV charging station equipped with two ports, to be located on Town property in the Community Center parking lot at 3 Veteran’s Drive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board expresses its strong support for the application to the NYS DEC’s 2016 Zero-Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Municipal Rebate Program and commits to providing a minimum combined in-kind and financial contribution of 20 percent toward the match.

Motion made at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, March 2, 2017 by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

VOTING MEMBERS:

- Supervisor Bettez \_\_\_\_\_
- Council Member Irwin \_\_\_\_\_
- Council Member Logan \_\_\_\_\_
- Council Member Torres \_\_\_\_\_
- Council Member Seyfert-Lillis \_\_\_\_\_