

**RESOLUTION**

**TO DESIGNATE TOWN BOARD LEAD AGENCY TO REVIEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE TIMBER TRESTLE PORTION OF THE WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL (WVRT) SPRINGTOWN BRIDGE APPROACH**

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 16 day of March, 2017, at 7:30 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	_____	_____
Deputy Supervisor Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	_____	_____
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 Springtown Bridge and its two trestles (Timber Trestle consisting of ten 12’ spans of timber trestle and one consisting of A Two Span Steel Multi-Girder Bridge) (hereinafter the “Springtown Bridge Approach”), which are located along the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail’s (WVRT), and cross the Wallkill River and its floodplain approximately 2.4 miles north of the Village of New Paltz near the trail’s intersection with Springtown Road; and.

**WHEREAS**, the bridge and its trestles, which were built between 1900 and 1920, were used by the railroad until 1977 until they were abandoned. In 1991, and the Town of New Paltz purchased the 2.75 mile long section from the edge of the Village of New Paltz to the Town of Rosendale that includes the Springtown Road rail trail bridge; thus Town of New Paltz is the owner in fee simple of certain real property consisting of tax parcel of approximately 35.1 acres and designated on the tax map 78.15-1-1.100 (hereinafter the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, 1993, the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail was formally opened and a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Town of New Paltz, and the Wallkill Valley Land Trust stipulating that the Town provides maintenance was signed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Timber Trestle, which spans the 100-year flood plain between Springtown road and the steel truss bridge consisting of two 146' steel truss spans the Wallkill River is currently closed, with no access for emergency vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz desires to remove and replace approximately 120 linear feet of elevated approach (i.e., Timber Trestle portion of the Springtown bridge approach); and such work 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. Under the current NYS DEC SEQR Type II list (6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)), the construction or reconstruction of bikeways, walkways, pedestrian bridges and the like, where no more than minor amounts of right-of-way need be acquired, provided that there is no more than minor alteration of, or adverse effect upon, any property, protected area, or natural or man-made resource of national, State or local significance are considered to be a Type II action and the Lead agency has no further responsibilities under the act.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Deputy Supervisor Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.