

RESOLUTION

Concerning: _____

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 _____, 2017, at _____ o'clock P.M., Prevailing time.

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

WHEREAS, Local governments in New York State can save energy costs, create jobs, and improve the environment by using the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program to implement clean energy actions,

WHEREAS, Communities that complete four out of the ten high impact actions and meet all other eligibility requirements are designated by New York State as a Clean Energy Community and are eligible to apply for grants of \$50,000 to fund additional clean energy projects,

WHEREAS, The Village and Town of New Paltz will soon have each completed four out of the ten high impact actions including: Benchmarking which sets up a system for measuring and sharing data on building energy use over time allowing and occupants to compare energy usage against other buildings, and better identify opportunities to cut energy waste. Energy Code Enforcement Training action, which focuses on what code enforcement officials need to know about the Energy Code in the context of its practical application on active construction projects. A unified Solar Permit, which is a standardized permit application designed to streamline the approval process for installing solar in the community in order to costs for applicants by creating a uniform permitting process in municipalities across the State. And clean Fleets, which is an effort by local governments to install alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure in order to increase

opportunities for constituents to access electric vehicle charging stations,

WHEREAS, Grant Applications for project(s) or initiative(s) will be evaluated based on the following criteria, with eligible projects earning a minimum of 50% of the selection criteria points out of the total number of possible points.

1. To what extent does the proposer present a thorough, sound, detailed approach for accomplishing the objectives of their proposal within a reasonable timeframe? (25 possible points)
2. To what extent does the project/initiative have a positive direct impact on energy use and greenhouse gas emissions? (15 possible points)
3. To what extent does the project/initiative have other sustainability benefits? (15 possible points)
4. To what extent will efforts be made to collaborate with other municipalities and to transfer knowledge to the broader region and state? (15 possible points)
5. To what extent does the project/initiative involve an innovative and/or replicable approach? (15 possible points)
6. To what extent will the project/initiative leverage public and private dollars and/or generate economic development benefits (i.e. temporary or permanent job creation and investment)? (15 possible points),

WHEREAS, The Town and Village will each be applying for \$50,000 (for a total of \$100,000) to create a joint Village Town Comprehensive master plan that focuses on sustainable development in order to create a strong local economy with a vibrant downtown and affordable housing while preserving open space and promote agriculture,

WHEREAS, As part of the application process for additional funding the project subcontractors need to be identified and a signed letter of commitment, on official letterhead, is required from the top elected official of the jurisdiction within which the project is located,

WHEREAS, Behan Planning and Design has led many positive projects in the community for more than a decade including town-lead initiatives such as the New Paltz Open Space Plan, the Open Space Plan Implementation Program, the Shawangunk Mountain Regional Open Space Plan, and the New Paltz Build-Out and Fiscal Analysis. The firm has also worked on several projects led by the village of New Paltz including a review of the neighborhood business residential (NBR) zoning district, coordination of collaborative village-town-college proposal for a New Paltz Downtown Revitalization Initiative, landscape architectural design for the Peace Park Stream Daylighting Project, draft of the Affordable Housing Ordinance and has served as planning and design consultant to the village planning board for a number of projects over the course of many years. Behan Planning and Design was team member on the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail Connections Plan (now the Empire State Trail project). Behan Planning and Design is a national award-winning landscape architecture, engineering, and community-planning firm with offices in Saratoga Springs and New City, NY and is a NYS-certified woman-owned business enterprise (WBE).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Behan Planning who responded to an RFP in 2016 for a Joint Village and Town Comprehensive master plan be designated as a professional service in order to assist in writing the grant application and be designated as the project subcontractor on the grant application.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a letter of commitment and to work with Behan planning to complete and submit the grant application (<https://nyserda.seamlessdocs.com/f/CECAApplication>), as well as all of the required associated documents.

https://portal.nyserda.ny.gov/CORE_Solicitation_Detail_Page?SolicitationId=a0rt0000000QnlnAAC

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

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.