

**RESOLUTION _____ of 2022
IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW PALTZ REPAIR CAFÉ**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held via videoconference in said Town on the 3rd day of February, 2022, at 7 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 Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

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

WHEREAS, Community Repair programs provide the opportunity for residents to bring household items to a local event to be repaired at no charge with skilled volunteers who are also their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, repair is sustainable and climate smart; and

WHEREAS, repair is better than recycling. Making our things last longer is both more efficient and more cost-effective than mining them for raw materials; and

WHEREAS, repair makes sure our citizens can choose to repair and reuse instead of throwing away or buying new. Ultimately, this strategy keeps many useful items out of landfills, which are quickly filling up, and decreases greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, repair saves the planet. The earth has limited resources and eventually we will run out. The best way to be efficient is to reuse what we already have; and

WHEREAS, not everyone has the skills for all repairs but there are knowledgeable volunteers with Repair Café that can help; and

WHEREAS, repair makes us all more resilient as a community as Community Repair programs foster a sense of community engagement, creativity, and fun as repair coaches and community members collaborate to extend the useful life of things they own.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz has pledged to be Climate Smart, and four (4) points towards Climate Smart certification are available for local governments that have hosted or

facilitated at least two Community Repair events in the last year, with plans in place to continue the activity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz officially sanctions and supports the New Paltz Repair Café which is currently held at the United Methodist Church of New Paltz. The repairs shall be free, will not be a drop-off service, and will occur every other month when possible but at a minimum of twice per year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz supports the New Paltz Repair Café by promoting the event in public forums such as the town website, advertisements, and fliers posted on government property, and/or hosting such an event in a public building or space should that become necessary.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.