

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ REGARDING THE DESIGN, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MILLBROOK 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 25th day of June, 2015, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Zimet, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Susan Zimet	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Kevin Barry	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Daniel Torres	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Martin Irwin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

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

WHEREAS, the Village of New Paltz is presently contemplating the potential acquisition of real property from Shawangunk Reserve, Inc., Tax Map # 86.2-1-12.110, ("the Property"), to potentially be added to the Millbrook Preserve with portions lying within the Village and portions lying within the Town of New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Village Board view the potential addition of the Property as a critical ecological open space that must be preserved and protected and which addition would connect the current Millbrook Preserve, formerly known as Stoneleigh Woods which was purchased by the Town using the approved Open Space Bond funds, to the forever green parcel of Woodland Pond, thus creating a significant continuous wilderness park in the heart of the New Paltz community, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Town Board and the Village Board of Trustees have determined that it is in the overall best interests of the residents of the Town and Village to pursue the potential acquisition of the subject Property and said process is presently moving forward; and

WHEREAS, because the property lies within both the Town and the Village, it is necessary for both municipalities to have a clear understanding with respect to the rights and

responsibilities, financial and otherwise, of each party regarding design, operation, maintenance, improvement and repair of the entire Millbrook Preserve Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz has expressed a desire for the Village to assume the lead role in the design, improvement and repair of the entire Millbrook Preserve Property while still retaining input on all such issues, as well as proportionate financial responsibility for the initial stages of organization of the entire newly constituted Preserve Property, and thereafter, such maintenance and operational financial responsibility and decision-making shall be within the sole purview of the Village,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor, or the Deputy Supervisor, as the case may be, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding or an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Village of New Paltz with respect to the design, operation, maintenance, improvement and repair of the entire Millbrook Preserve Property, to be effective in the event that the Village acquires the Shawangunk Reserve, Inc. property and subject to the approval in form and content of any such Agreement by the attorney for the town.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Susan Zimet	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Kevin Barry	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Daniel Torres	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Martin Irwin			

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.