

Town of Woodstock Town Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00pm

Resolution 150-2016

Adopt new york state climate smart communities

Offered by Deputy Supervisor McKenna, seconded by Councilwoman Ricci:

Whereas, the Town of Woodstock (hereinafter "The Town") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

Whereas, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

Whereas, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

Whereas, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

Whereas, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come; therefore be it

Resolved, that Town of Woodstock, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1 Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
- 2 Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
- 3 Decrease community energy use.
- 4 Increase community use of renewable energy.
- 5 Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
- 6 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use tools.
- 7 Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
- 8 Support development of a green innovation economy.
- 9 Inform and inspire the public.
- 10 Commit to an evolving process of climate action.

All voted 4-0:

Deputy Supervisor McKenna - aye

Councilwoman Magarelli - aye

Councilwoman Ricci - aye

Councilman Wenk - aye resolution