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**A Town Board Meeting was held
July 5, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
at the Town Hall**

Presiding: Supervisor McKnight

Attending: Councilmember Humphries, Councilmember Boms, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Martin

Also present: Andrew Lessig, Town Attorney, members of the public

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor McKnight

1. Public Comment –

Motion to open public comment offered by Supervisor McKnight, Seconded by Councilmember Simpson

✓ no public comments made

Motion to close public comment offered by Supervisor McKnight, Seconded by Councilmember Martin

2. Review of Legislation -

Motion offered by Councilmember Boms to advance multifamily local law passed by the Town Board (overturned by the court) in order to advance discussion and review by Legal Counsel. Seconded by Councilmember Humphries

All in Favor

3. Zero Waste –

- ✓ 60-day comment period was over June 28th
- ✓ The Board has received only 1 response to the Draft RFP from Greenway New York, which meets the criteria the Town Board has raised
- ✓ The project is a public/private partnership
- ✓ Need to create signature page for proposals that are dropped off
- ✓ RFP must be sealed

4. CAC – NRI Grant Resolution

Resolution No.:2023-42

Date: July 5, 2023

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TOWN OF HURLEY
CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE 2023 HUDSON
RIVER ESTUARY GRANT PROGRAM**

Moved By: Supervisor McKnight

Seconded By: Councilmember Humphries

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Conservation Advisory Council (“CAC”) has requested that

the Town Board authorize the CAC to apply for a Local Stewardship Planning grant through the 2023 Hudson River Estuary Program operated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”); and,

WHEREAS, the CAC will utilize any grant funds received to facilitate the completion of a townwide Natural Resource Inventory (“NRI”) which will compile important information on and relating to naturally occurring features within the Town of Hurley such as the geology, soils, streams, wetlands, agricultural land uses, presence of certain flora and fauna including the critical or endangered habitats of the same, as well as cultural resources such as scenic or recreational assets; and,

WHEREAS, the now-current Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hurley adopted by this Town Board in 2006 specifically calls for the completion of a townwide study of biodiversity as well as the identification of critical and at-risk environmental assets, resources, and habitats, all of which the completion of an NRI will advance or accomplish; and,

WHEREAS, a NRI can and will inform land use planning and decision making including the ongoing development by this Town Board of a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hurley, as well as to serve as an educational tool; and,

WHEREAS, an NRI is a natural and necessary supplement to the Town of Hurley Open Space Plan adopted by this Town Board in July 2018; and,

WHEREAS, any grant funds garnered from the DEC pursuant to the CAC’s application for the purposes laid out herein will be administered by members of the CAC and other officers and employees of the Town who will engage and work together with a qualified and experienced consultant in completing an NRI; and,

WHEREAS, the required grant matching funds will be provided by the town firstly in the form of in-kind services provided by members of the CAC, as well as other employees and officers of the Town who will expend their time to provide bookkeeping, recording keeping, quarterly reporting, payment reimbursement services, and other tracking and reporting related services that will be required by this Grant, as well as up to \$13,000.00 from the Climate Smart Capital Fund in direct funds to match any amounts awarded through the Grant the CAC is hereby authorized and encouraged to apply for; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Hurley as follows:

1. The CAC is hereby authorized and encouraged to apply for a grant through, and if selected from grant funding to participate in the DEC’s Hudson River Estuary Program for the purpose of completing a townwide NRI; and,
2. The CAC is hereby authorized to work with consultants and other employees and officers of the Town to compile and complete an NRI.

**Motion to adopt by: Councilmember Humphries
Martin**

Seconded by: Councilmember

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	X	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

5. Other Business

- ✓ Some discussion regarding instituting a purchase order/prior approval process
- ✓ Two Justice Court resolutions will be submitted for the next Town Board meeting
- ✓ Motion offered by Councilmember Boms to appoint John Perry as an alternate to the Ethics

Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Simpson.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor		X
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor		X
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember		X
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember		X

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. offered by Supervisor McKnight Seconded by Councilmember Humphries
All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Reed
Hurley Town Clerk