

Item # 12 – Other Business**Resolution Declaring Support for the New York State Climate Action Council Scoping Plan**

Whereas, the Sixth Assessment of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) finds that climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruption in nature and affecting the lives of billions of people around the world; and

Whereas, the IPCC Assessment concludes that rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) are necessary, including accelerated action in this critical decade, to limit global warming to within 1.5°C and 2°C in this century; and

Whereas, New York State recognizes the urgent need to reduce and eliminate GHG emissions in the atmosphere, passing the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("Climate Act") committing the State to:

- reduce GHG emissions by 40 percent by 2030 below 1990 levels, and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050;
- meet 70 percent of electricity needs from renewable resources by 2030, and 100 percent of electricity needs from zero-emissions resources by 2040;
- ensure a just and equitable transition that leaves no one behind, and dedicate up to 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy programs, projects, and investments to Disadvantaged Communities; and

Whereas, the New York State Climate Action Council has approved for public comment a Draft Scoping Plan, issued on December 30, 2021, to meet New York's climate and equity goals; and

Whereas, the Draft Scoping Plan calls for shifting to energy-efficient electrification in buildings and transportation as the primary solution to replace fossil-fuel combustion in these sectors, which together account for 60 percent of the state's carbon emissions; and

Whereas, the Draft Scoping Plan calls for a phase-down of emissions from fossil fuel-fired electricity generation, while ensuring support and protections for impacted workers as they transition to clean energy jobs; and

Whereas, the 2021 Jobs Study by the Just Transition Working Group for the NYS Climate Action Council estimates that meeting New York's climate goals will result in a net gain of 189,000 jobs across the state by 2030, alone, with a ratio of jobs gained to jobs displaced of 10 to 1; and

Whereas, the Draft Scoping Plan includes measures that would expand the development of renewable resources and battery storage, encourage "agrivoltaics," or the co-location of agricultural activities with solar and wind, and provide resources to communities to assist with renewable siting and land-use planning; and

Whereas, the Draft Scoping Plan encourages action to make communities healthier and less reliant on fossil fuel-based transportation methods by making such communities more walkable, bikeable, and accessible with efficient and electrified public transportation; and

Whereas, the Integration Analysis for the Draft Scoping Plan finds that meeting emissions reduction goals of the Climate Act is technically feasible and will have the additional and significant benefit of improving public health by eliminating co-pollutants from fossil fuel combustion, resulting in an estimated \$50 to \$120 billion in health-related savings by 2050; and

Whereas, the cost of inaction is estimated to exceed the cost of administering the Draft Scoping Plan's recommendations by \$90-120 billion; and

Whereas, according to NYSERDA, over half of what New Yorkers currently spend on energy leaves New York, mostly for fossil fuels, and our communities would be better served by keeping energy spending primarily within the local economy; and

Whereas, Westchester Municipalities have demonstrated the ability to efficiently engage their residents and businesses as partners in achieving state energy and climate goals and effectively utilizing allocated resources and program structures; now, therefore be it;

Resolved, the Village of Pelham affirms the critical importance of meeting the emissions and equity goals of the Climate Act, which will help mitigate dangerous warming while delivering the additional benefits of improving public health, economic opportunities, agricultural land open space protection, and quality of life for the people of the Village of Pelham; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Village of Pelham declares its support for prohibiting an expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure, which contradicts the goals of the Climate Act, and for transitioning to efficient electricity-based solutions for buildings and transportation; and be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham supports a planning process for a managed transition of the utility gas system that maintains affordable, safe, and reliable utility service and protects low- and moderate-income households from an undue burden in the transition; and be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham supports the recommendations of the Draft Scoping Plan for advanced building codes that will improve the energy efficiency of new buildings, creating healthier living and work environments while reducing monthly energy costs; and be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham supports the recommendations of the Draft Scoping Plan to phase in code requirements prohibiting on-site combustion of fossil fuels in new buildings over a 2024-2027 period; and be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham calls on the Climate Action Council to include in the Draft Scoping Plan the necessary policies and support to help owners of existing buildings improve energy efficiency and transition to zero-emissions equipment, ensuring cost parity with fossil systems, with incentives and financing assistance as necessary; and be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham supports the Draft Scoping Plan recommendations that make electric vehicles more affordable relative to gas-powered vehicles, and expand fast-charging infrastructure; and be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham urges the Climate Action Council to include in the Draft Scoping Plan recommendations to expand assistance for the transition to all-electric municipal transit systems; and, be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham further urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and NYSERDA to immediately launch a sustained statewide public education and information campaign on the benefits of a clean energy economy and climate-friendly choices by consumers of heating and cooling systems, transportation, and products and appliances; and be it further

Resolved, the Village of Pelham shall forward copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, President of NYSERDA, Chair of the NYS Public Service Commission, the NYS Climate Action Council, and Members of the State Senate and Assembly representing the Village of Pelham.

Vote Record - Item # 12 - Resolution Declaring Support for the New York State Climate Action Council Scoping Plan - 8:30pm						
Village of Pelham Board of Trustees Regular Meeting				Tuesday, May 24, 2022		
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	Mayor Mullen		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CERTIFICATION
 THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS
 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 OF THE VILLAGE OF PELHAM ON

5/24/22
 SARAH LOPUZZO
 VILLAGE CLERK