# Sullivan County Legislature

## Regular Meeting

#### October 21, 2010 at 2:00PM

The Regular Meeting of the County Legislature was called to order at 2:15PM by Chairman Rouis with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated all Mr. Sager absent..

The Clerk Read the following communications:

- 1. Letter dated September 23, 2010 letter from the NYSDOT indicating they will be holding a public meeting to discuss the rehabilitation of a bridge which carries NYS Route 52 over East Branch Callicoon Creek on October 7, 2010.
- 2. Notice Granting Late Intervention from the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding NYSDEC's late motion filed on July 8, 2010 about Eagle Creek
- 3. Letter from Town of Rockland Supervisor Edward Weitmann issuing a State of Emergency for the Town of Rockland effective October 1, 2010 through October 5, 2010.
- 4. Letter dated October 5, 2010 from Dave Colavito regarding the Agricultural Consultant Concerns
- 5. Letter dated October 5, 2010 from the Town of Thompson Supervisor regarding 2011 Budget Concerns
- 6. Letter dated October 5, 2010 from Jennifer C.s. Brylinski, Executive Director of IDA indicating a public hearing on October 28, 2010 at 10:00AM as well as a copy of the proposed budget.
- 7. Letter received October 6, 2010 from Patricia Shearer regarding the Partnership and gas drilling
- 8. Letter dated October 14, 2010 from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation recommending that the Greenfield Preparative Meeting House in Grahamsville, NY
- 9. Receipt of resolution from Fulton County urging the NYS Public Service Commission to reject a proposal from the National Grid to increase residential natural gas and electric rates by 20%.
- 10. Receipt of a letter from the Sullivan County Supervisors' Association requesting the Sullivan County Legislature not to cut positions on the road patrol.

#### Presentation:

Chairman Rouis stated before we get to our presentation, as everyone is aware, the county is participating in a state sponsored retirement incentive package. We have almost 50 employees participating in Part A of that program and while we cannot recognize all of them individually but he does want to extend on behalf of the board a congratulations on their retirement and a sincere thank you for all their years of service to Sullivan County. He wished John Bridges, Veterans Service Agency Director well. He also noted that he will be reaching out to the Veterans community. He then asked Commissioner Robert Meyer to come up and present John Kehlenbeck with a Certificate of Recognition. Commissioner Meyer stated that John Kehlenbeck is the only Solid Waste Director that Sullivan County has ever had. He had the good fortune back in 1982 to be on the committee that actually interviewed John Kehlenbeck when he was first hired. We have a certificate here recognizing John's service.

## Certificate of Special Recognition

## Awarded to

#### JOHN KEHLENBECK

In honor of your dedication, loyalty and commitment to the County of Sullivan Department of Public Works for the past twenty-eight years of service. We wish you the best in your retirement!

Chairman Rouis recognized the following speakers.

- Cindy Geiger (see attached statement) She noted she wanted everyone to memorize her face
  because she made a personal commitment that she will not give up until the wheel is rolling on
  our farms. The dig in the dirt farmers. Farmers are now coming together and exchanging ideas.
  Now she would like everyone to hear from her friends who currently are farming.
  - Chairman Rouis noted that we did have a visit today from a representative from Senator Gillebrand's Office. We are working on getting Senator Gillebrand down here early next year providing she is successful in a couple of weeks.
- 2. Trina Polinaro of Jeffersonville, NY. She and her husband moved to this county in 1990 and she became a farmer in 1992. They raise highlander cattle and have organic eggs and organic vegetable transplants. She is sorry to say that over 20 percent of their farming income is made in Sullivan County. The remaining balance they actually earn out of the county. She has been very active in the Farmer's Market Federation of New York State as well as various farming associations of New York. She is very, very interested in the viability of farmer's markets. She has been very involved with it since 1995. Her plants, she is happy to say, have ended up in the Mayor's Children's Garden in New York City and the USDA National Garden in Washington, D.C. She is involved with many schools not in this county because they have not exhibited interest. She is willing to go anywhere and would much rather work here.
- 3. Alice Diehl stated she lives and have worked on her dairy farm. Her farm is the Diehl Homstead Farm in Callicoon. Her children are the sixth generation on that farm. It has been in existence since 1832. She would like to talk a little bit about the dairy prices. For those of you who are not familiar with what goes on, our dairy prices are not a county or state issue, it is a national problem. She then explained the process. We do not have any control over the bottom line or control over the price we have to pay for feed and we have no say in the price we are paying for our milk. All we want is a fair playing field. We don't want hand outs. We want a fair playing field so we can do our work and get paid fairly for that. We need to get processing equipment for the milk. We need land available for young vegetable farmers. We need a community kitchen to process some of the products that are being produced.
- 4. Jill Welsh she stated she is in the western end of the county and a lifelong resident of the county. She is a fifth generation here. She sees the dairy people struggling. They are paying 2010 bills with 1950 or 1960's money. They are on the lousy end of the stick. She is here to support them. She then explained about her father's career. Hopefully this Ag Specialist will be someone local and will understand the problems to help these people. She noted she boards horses.
- 5. Elinor Young thanked Cindy Geiger and Dick Riseling for doing the paperwork so she could get here grants. She lives in Jeffersonville. She would like to see the Ag Specialist help farmers get solar power.
- 6. Daniel Young noted that Cisco, US Foods etc are looking for products that are grown in this county. When he came to this county, he was working for a cheese company and he started asking the local farmers, what do you get paid. He found out what he was making and what the

- farmers get paid was a big difference in price. He knows of we produce these products, there is market for it. He has the customers. We need to help the farmers produce the products.
- 7. Mary Lewis stated she farms between Callicoon Center and Shandalee with horses. In 1964, when she came there were many open fields in the area. As each place got not used for farming, it closes in and there are just woods some growing. Her place has about 25 or 30 acres of rocky pastures that are growing up to blackberries. There are rose bushes they were encouraged to plant in the 40's. They are the biggest problem. Now we have wild turkeys that eat the berries and then they poop the seeds and they just spread. We need help in keeping our fields cleared of what is coming next is the trees.
- 8. Jack Abrams stated he is what they call a seed stock operation. He is in Livingston Manor. He is selling seamen, selling embryos and red females. However, he would like to thank the people that are responsible for the red meat plant. He waited a long time for it. Roughly it is 4 hours from his farm in one direction to the nearest facility. To have a plant so close is an absolute blessing.
- 9. Sara Diehl stated she is from Callicoon. She and her husband own a small business called Sara's Sugar Shack. They make maple syrup. They have been trying to be bee keepers but have not been successful just yet. They could use someone to work with them. She could use some educational opportunities to be a better bee keeper than she is.
- 10. Jennifer Diehl stated she and her husband operate the Diehl Farm Market in Callicoon near the villa Roma. She is here to express her feelings to the legislature about how important agriculture is in Sullivan County. The Diehl Farm Market has been in his family for three generations. His grandfather started this farm market over 30 years ago. The market grew to a profitable business. Her husband has a passion for the land and this same passion she also has and that is the main reason why she is here today. They have a vision and their vision is to bring back to Sullivan County and to Callicoon the farm market that many have become to depend on. Today many things have changed in regard to farming. It is a hard business to be in but feels it is only hard if you don't have the passion and the vision. The open land that exists in the western end of the county can only remain open space if the farmers are helped in maintaining it as such. We have pursued many different avenues for funding and the pursuit has proven to her to be very tedious and extremely over her head. She has been in contact with many organizations including the USDA who has sent her a 40 page booklet. The Ag Specialist that you look to hire must have the vision that we farmers have. They must recognize how important agriculture is in this county right now. This person is the liaison between what we farmers know how to produce and the resources we need to be able to produce it.
- 11. Dot Muthig stated she is from the Muthig Farm which is about 100 acres in the Town of Neversink. We have been in business for over 55 years.

At this point, Mr. Armstrong left the meeting.

Mrs. Muthig indicated first they were a dairy farm and that proved disastrous and non profitable. Then we switched to beef farming and because of transportation costs and the processing costs, and that was not profitable. Her husband went to work as an iron worker so we could keep our farm. We have been making maple syrup and doing hay crops for over 50 years. They hope to continue doing this and turn our farm over to our sons and grandson. We hope there will be a future for agriculture in Sullivan County. She invited everyone to her son's house in March to see how maple syrup is made.

- 12. Paul Papadotes stated he is 23 years old and has been a farm apprentice for three years and he wants to be a farmer. He would consider farming in Sullivan County if he had help in accessing affordable land.
- 13. John Gorzynski indicated he has a farm in Cochecton Center. He has been appointed to numerous things over the years. He has been on the Farmland Protection Board since its inception. These members are appointed by the legislature. It has been a pleasure. Recently he was elected to the Farmer Citizenry Advisory Council and was elected as the Chairman to sit under the Mayor's Office. He indicated that he outgrew New Jersey and came to Sullivan County. He was welcomed by the Cooperative Extension. The agent at that time stated one out of hundred of you guys last for two or three years. The climate is different now. The federal government gives billions of dollars in agricultural and industrial subsidies. Our state government, millions to Cornell for ag industrial research and subsidies. Tens of thousands in tax forgiveness and grants are given to ag industrial commodities which help cause a diabetic

- outbreak and a cancer epidemic in this country. He speaks of the \$50,000 position here in the county that could support the production of local healthy commodities, promote healthy social system and feed back on the land where they can stay healthy. Even a job where it would pull citizens together. This county has been so supportive of agriculture since he has been here. He then referred to Alan Sorensen when he was in charge of the illustrious planning department. Thank you for your support.
- 14. Al Etkin stated he is here for one purpose today. We understand the \$191 million county budget and really appreciate the fact that there is a shortfall of \$12 million. We are not looking to be part of the problem but part of the solution. He must share with us a thought that the last department that should be cut is the Veterans Service Agency. Veterans paid their dues years ago. There is no other county department to his knowledge, that brings in more money than the Veterans Service Agency. He then shared 2009 statistics with the Office of Veteran Affairs.
- 15. William Lane stated no matter how small or big the issue may be, the commitment to our veterans is a must.
- 16. Charles Buchholz stated after 15 years or so of doing this he thinks you might know him by now. What he has to say today comes from the heart and he is not politically correct. What he says might offend you. This is why the veterans are the way they are. Farewell. We have known all others have been dear to me and we will say goodbye to them. Until your last days, remember me, I beg you. That was written by Heidell Heinbut the night before he was killed. The rest of Mr. Buchholz's comments could not be heard.
- 17. Elijah Henderson, Jr. urged the legislature to please plan your cutbacks carefully.
- 18. Ben Halpern yielded his three minutes to Cindy Geiger. She has been listening to people say don't cut my funding. We are not here today to say don't cut our funding because we don't get any funding. This was something that the network was passing around 'WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR OUR FARMER LATELY?" Just remember we are coming back. Mrs. LaBuda inquired if she would like some funding? It is a fair statement.
- 19. Ken Walter stated he grew up on a farm in Loch Sheldrake. Going back in history, you cut the trees down and the farms came in and then the boarding houses started in. It is very important that we do not forget that the farming community is an economic engine, 24/7, 365 days a year. HEAP program is coming upon us. When you have a 275 gallon tank, that is one price, 500 gallon is another and 1,000 is another. He thinks we should all be paying the 1,000 price. The dealer is still going to make money and will stretch our dollars. We should get a better price as a group since we are paying the bill. Second, there are two statements over the years that he has grown to dislike. One is "Feel the Pain" and "Giving Up Bodies". He feels there is a different way to go about this and that is lag pay, deferred payment. No one wins with layoffs. He thinks that there is another way to put this on the table. Next subject is rooftops. College was in here a couple of weeks ago and we had to rush, rush to approve money to fix a roof. No one asked this question and he found this out but that roof was fixed ten years ago. That is the same roof that Atlantic Energy, remember that group, they took \$2 million dollars from us and never provided anything. That is the same roof where they went through and covered up all the air leaks in the roof system. He would request that the county follow up on that.
- 20. Lou Setren, Business Agent for Teamster Local 445, stated he has a lot to say and doesn't want to spend a lot of time responding to comments that have previously been made other than to say that he supports agriculture in Sullivan County as he grew up on a farm himself. His significant other and her family are involved in heifer replacement farming and he enjoys the maple sugar process every year himself. I commend you all for keeping those traditions alive. Local 445 and membership understands the present budget crisis that the county is facing. He might also add that they have understood the budget crisis that the county has faced the last several years. Local 445 has been ready and willing and able to work with management to find solutions to these problems. We have been willing to enter into agreements which defer benefits, which try to avoid layoffs—we are willing to talk and have been willing to talk. He understands that there will be a resolution that will come back up for discussion today that had been previously tabled regarding the creation of part-time positions here in the county. First of all, let me say that on behalf of our membership who toil daily in the Division of Family Services, the utility of parttimers in that particular division is very limited. The use of part-timers will do nothing at all to ensure that deadlines are met in Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, Adult Protective or Child Protective Services. These are deadlines that are imposed upon an agency by the State of New York that once a case is opened, a determination must be made during a given timeframe. There is a good deal of apprehension amongst our membership at Family Services that if we open the

door to the creation of any part-time positions, that presently unfilled full time positions will just be replaced with part-timers. He as the Business Agent, has done his level best to allay those concerns. Our contract indicates that the employer has the right to create and allocate positions on the salary schedule provided that there is ample advanced notice to the Local 445 for discussion in the creation of those positions. When a new position is created, there is a requirement that it come to the legislature as a resolution and we have ample opportunity if it appears as a resolution to voice their dissatisfaction or approval as the case may be. It is a provision in our contract. We have exercised that provision in the past and we have exercised that provision with what he assumes will be a reintroduced resolution today to create two part time positions at DFS. Please be careful with DFS and all the other agencies that provide services to the county.

21. Jeremy Gorelick stated he is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. He is here as a representative of one of the largest economic development organizations in the county. We have 500+ members. He appreciates that the Legislature wants to fund the specialist position and he thinks that is crucial to the development but he wants to share what the County Chamber is doing. They are working with Cornell Cooperative Extension and on the 2<sup>7th</sup>, the Chamber is cosponsoring an event in order to bring some of our business leaders together and give them inside information about what it is that the farmers in the agricultural community are doing. He wanted to let the legislature know what the Chamber is doing and he knows that the legislature is talking about the county budget. The Chamber has not received any county money in three years. We are thrilled to work with the county on programs. At the EDC meeting on Tuesday, we were happy that we were able to participate. We want to be independent so that we can pursue things sometimes when we might find out down the road that we are not working together for whatever reason.

Chairman Rouis stated he wanted to reiterate on behalf of the board, that our county's commitment to the agriculture industry is unlabored. We have passed resolutions time and time again in support of agencies. We continue to fund groups like Soil and Water Conservation District which focuses on flooding etc. We continue to support Open Space Preservation where and when we can. He reminded everyone that every month we have a meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee and he would ask him to place you on the agenda. He would encourage everyone to come or send a representative.

Mr. Sorensen stated he wanted to thank the farming community for being here today. He understands that it is taking you away from your farming activities. He grew up on a farm and does relate a lot to your current situation with dairy farmers and other farmers as well. He can clearly appreciate that. He was listening intensely to some of the statements being made and some of the needs in terms of the potential for a small grant. When he was Planning Commissioner we set up two programs: we had a \$600,000 Ag and Revolving Loan Fund which is still in existence and an Ag Microenterprise Revolving Loan Fund up which when it was initially set up as a loan for up to \$25,000 but 25% of that was a forgivable loan. In essence, it is a grant. We do have flexibility in the Community Development Block Grant Programs to perhaps to tweek it. He would work with Commissioner Aragon to revisit some of those programs to see how we can accommodate your-needs. When people come up to this area they enjoy the beautiful scenic vistas which exist because farmland is in production. If there was no farmland, it would be just a hike in the woods. Your presence today was heard.

Mrs. Goodman wanted to thank the farmers and she knows how difficult it is since these are your farming hours and we recognize the importance of why you were here today. Each one of you spoke beautifully. It is nice to get back to our grassroots and learn more and be educated. She thanked Commissioner Aragon for the recent Charette. She loved Mrs. Geiger's comment about "Grow More Farmers. She thinks Mrs. Geiger should make a bumper sticker of that saying. About a year ago, in Manhattan on the Seaport, an amazing four block farmer's market. She was very jealous of that event. You would buy a band (\$30 a day) and eat and drink all day. We could have a festival of everything we eat and drink in Sullivan County. She bets there would be a lot of city people wearing that band to support an event in Sullivan County.

Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Binder and put to a roll call vote. Mrs. LaBuda yes, Mr. Wood, yes, Mr. Rouis yes, Mrs. Goodman stated she believes that Mr. Sorensen had some discussion before the roll call vote.

Mr. Sorensen stated you can let it go, I just have some questions after. You are in the middle of a vote. Chairman Rouis stated go ahead.I

Mr. Sorensen stated he knows that this is a resolution for Tax Anticipation Notes that went through committee last week and he has taken some time to do some visual---I have some concerns—he understands the fiscal constraints of what we are dealing with revenues down and everything. Looking long term, I do have some concerns with the long term cumulative impact of these Tax Anticipation Notes and revenue anticipation. He knows that there has been a number of presentations coming back to the Management and Budget Committee. The one presentation that he would like to see is the fiscal impact or the cumulative impact would be on both these short term and long term bonds that have been issued for the county and what the impact is on our budget's moving forward in terms of the increase in debt service. For example, we are looking at perhaps \$28 million in tax anticipation—or bonds for 2010 which would have an interest on those bonds is around \$353,000 which is almost a percent of the real property taxes. I am just concerned that if we continue down this path, how it is going to affect future budgets so he would like to see an analysis at next month's Management and Budget Committee. So, he is uncomfortable voting for this today and he does understand the need, but he just wanted to make his concerns known.

Chairman Rouis stated he just wants to make sure that Mr. Sorensen is not mixing apples and oranges. The reason that Mr. Cohen is doing the Tax Anticipation Note is because it is the most cost effective manner in which to fund the short term needs of the county. As I mentioned, this is borrowing against our receivables. The state and federal aid I believe was just over \$6 million that we are owed for services that we already performed. So had those monies come in, we wouldn't need to issue these. In addition, we are sitting on about \$26.5 million worth of tax levy that has been issued and hasn't been paid yet. A lot of that has to do with making the school districts whole and us waiting on our money until such time as either people enter into installment agreements or the property goes into foreclosure and we sell it at auction. This is about borrowing money for operations this is about funding money due us from other entities that we have not received. Unfortunately, kind of like a business scenario and we are the middle man unfortunately. We have to layout payroll and provide the services and we have to wait for our funding. We can't wait to pay payroll till we collect these dollars otherwise we would not have anyone providing the service. Mr. Cohen chose this particular vehicle because it was the most cost effective vehicle not necessarily because there is not money there. The Bond Anticipation Note is a financing tool. They are all related to projects that have been voted on, provided for, and are strictly a financing mechanism before they go to permanent financing. These are not funding operations. We are not borrowing money to pay current obligations. These are financing tools because we can't enter into some kind of what would be a five year car loan for instance, we have to enter into a series of one year loans that get paid off in the five year time period. Or likewise, it is cheaper, according to Mr. Cohen and Bond Counsel's analysis to fund these on a short term basis and take advantage of these very low rates before they go into permanent financing market. He wants everyone to be clear that we are not borrowing to fund operation or pay obligations. It is strictly a financing tool where a company would have a line of credit for the revenue side of things and the Bond Anticipation Notes are strictly funding projects that have been approved and everyone is aware that they are going to be bonded and there are no surprises. He thinks the presentation would certainly make sense. Let's start the roll call over.

Mrs. LaBuda yes

Mr. Wood yes

Mr. Rouis yes

Mrs. Goodman yes

Mrs. Binder yes

Mr. Hiatt yes

Mr. Sorensen no

## TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York, held at the County Government Center, in Monticello, New York, in said County, on October 21, 2010 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rouis, and upon roll being called, the following were

PRESENT: LaBuda, Wood, Rouis, Goodman, Binder, Hiatt, Sorensen

ABSENT: Sager, Armstrong

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wood, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Binder, to-wit:

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RESOLUTION NO. 468 OF 2010 DATED OCTOBER 21, 2010.

A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK, THE POWER TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AND TO SELL TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the affirmative vote of the County Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The power to authorize the issuance and sale of tax anticipation notes of the County of Sullivan, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied for the 2010 fiscal year of said County, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by said County Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. The power to authorize the issuance of and to sell tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes of said County, including renewals thereof, is hereby determined to be continued to be delegated to said County Treasurer, as previously authorized by Resolution No. 270 of 1974, dated September 20, 1974. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and content as may be determined by said County Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 3.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

AYES: LaBuda, Wood, Rouis, Goodman, Binder, Hiatt

NOES: Sorensen

ABSENT: Sager, Armstrong

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	) ss.
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN	)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York (the "Issuer"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

- 1. That a meeting of the Issuer was duly called, held and conducted on the 21st day of October, 2010.
- 2. That such meeting was a **regular** meeting.
- That attached hereto is a proceeding of the Issuer which was duly adopted at such meeting by the Board of the Issuer.
- 4. That such attachment constitutes a true and correct copy of the entirety of such proceeding as so adopted by said Board.
- 5. That all members of the Board of the Issuer had due notice of said meeting.
- 6. That said meeting was open to the general public in accordance with Section 103 of the Public Officers Law, commonly referred to as the "Open Meetings Law".

7.	That notice of said meeting (the meeting at which the proceeding was adopted) was
	caused to be given <b>PRIOR THERETO</b> in the following manner:
	PUBLICATION (here insert newspaper(s) and date(s) of publication - should be a date or dates falling prior to the date set forth above in item 1)
	Tuesday, February 1, 2010 Democrat & Thursday, River Reporter February 4, 2010
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	<b>POSTING</b> (here insert place(s) and date(s) of posting- should be a date or dates falling prior to the date set forth above in item 1)
	Government Center Lobby Bulletin Board and Legislative Chambers Bulletin Board

IN WITNESS	WHEREOF, I have hereur	ito set my hand and	l affixed the seal	of the Issu	er
this 21st day of October	er, 2010.				

AnnMarie Martin, Clerk to the County Legislature

(CORPORATE SEAL)

# RESOLUTION NO. 469-10 INTRODUCED BY HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVCIES COMMITTEE TO APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Community Services Board, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint one (1) member to fill the vacancy on the Community Services Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the following individual to be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Sullivan County Community Services Board to reflect the date set opposite his name:

#### APPOINTMENT TO THE CSB

**TERM** 

Jason K. Cornwell

10/1/2010 - 12/31/12

(to fill a vacancy left by resignation of Cheryl White)

**Moved by** Mrs. LaBuda, **seconded by** Mr. Hiatt, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, and Mr. Armstrong absent and Mrs. Binder abstaining resolution carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 470-10 INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMENDING THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN'S DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Res. No. 315-89 adopted by the Sullivan County Board of Supervisor's on August 14, 1989 the County of Sullivan ("County") adopted a Drug-Free Workplace Policy ("Policy"), and

WHEREAS, the federal regulation, which required the County to adopt the Policy in order to be eligible for certain federal funding, has been amended, and

WHEREAS, in order to be in complete compliance with the requirements of 7 CFR Subpart F, the County must amend the Policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the adoption of the following language as the Policy;

"The County of Sullivan Drug-Free Workplace Policy:

- (a.) The County affirmatively states that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace. Employees who violate this prohibition shall be subject to discipline in accordance with relevant provisions of the Civil Service Law, the Collective Bargaining Agreement covering the person's employment, or such other personnel policies as may relate to the individual's employment.
- (b.) The County shall establish and maintain on an ongoing basis a drug-free awareness program which shall inform employees about;
  - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, and
  - 2. The County's Policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, and
  - 3. The availability of drug counseling, drug rehabilitation and the Employee Assistance Program, and
  - 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
- (c.) The County shall require that every employee that is engaged in the performance of a grant be provided with a copy of the drug-free workplace Statement contained in section (a) above.
- (d.) The County shall require that every employee that is engaged in the performance of a grant

shall be notified that as a condition of employment under the grant that the employee will;

- (1.) Comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Statement contained in section (a) above, and
- (2.) Notify the County in writing of his/her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.
- (e.) The County shall notify the federal agency funding the grant, within ten calendar days after receiving a notice from an employee pursuant to section (d)(2) above or within ten calendar days of receiving actual notice of an employee's conviction. The County will provide the notice to every grant official or designee of the federal agency on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working. The notice shall include identification numbers of the affected grants.
- (f.) The County shall, within thirty calendar days of receiving notice from an employee pursuant to section (d)(2) above, with respect to the employee who was convicted of a criminal drug crime take one of the following actions:
  - 1. Take appropriate civil service action against the employee which may conclude with the termination of the employee, if warranted, or
  - 2. Require the employee to participate in an approved drug abuse assistance program or drug rehabilitation program from which the employee is satisfactorily discharged.
- (g.) The County shall make a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace and shall use its best efforts to ensure compliance with this Policy.
- (h.) The definitions contained in 7 CFR§3017.605 shall apply to this Policy."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon adoption this Policy shall be published on the County's website and provided to all County employees via electronic or other means necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Policy shall take effect immediately.

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- (l.) The County shall require that every employee that is engaged in the performance of a grant shall be notified that as a condition of employment under the grant that the employee will;
  - (3.) Comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Statement contained in section (a) above, and
  - (4.) Notify the County in writing of his/her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.
- (m.) The County shall notify the federal agency funding the grant, within ten calendar days after receiving a notice from an employee pursuant to section (d)(2) above or within ten calendar days of receiving actual notice of an employee's conviction. The County will provide the notice to every grant official or designee of the federal agency on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working. The notice shall include identification numbers of the affected grants.

- (n.) The County shall, within thirty calendar days of receiving notice from an employee pursuant to section (d)(2) above, with respect to the employee who was convicted of a criminal drug crime take one of the following actions:
  - 3. Take appropriate civil service action against the employee which may conclude with the termination of the employee, if warranted, or
  - 4. Require the employee to participate in an approved drug abuse assistance program or drug rehabilitation program from which the employee is satisfactorily discharged.
- (o.) The County shall make a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace and shall use its best efforts to ensure compliance with this Policy.
- (p.) The definitions contained in 7 CFR§3017.605 shall apply to this Policy."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon adoption this Policy shall be published on the County's website and provided to all County employees via electronic or other means necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Policy shall take effect immediately.

**Moved by** Mrs. LaBuda, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager and Mr. Armstrong absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

At this point, Mrs. Binder left the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 471-10 INTRODUCED BY THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY VISITORS ASSOCIATION, INC. TO APPLY FOR I LOVE NEW YORK MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, The I Love New York State Matching Funds Grant Program provides assistance to counties for advertising and promoting tourism; and

WHEREAS, The County of Sullivan has benefited from participating in the Matching Funds Program for more than 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Matching Funds Program is a vital component to the continuing growth of tourism in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Visitors Association, Inc. has been charged with promoting tourism in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Visitors Association, Inc. has the expertise and staff to apply for and administer the I Love New York Matching Funds Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby designates the Sullivan County Visitors Association, Inc. as the official tourism promotion agency of Sullivan County to apply for and receive matching funds for the fiscal year 2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County of Sullivan pledges to match up to 5% of the total New York State Matching Funds Budget, subject to County Legislature appropriation, which is the maximum application amount allocated per county for 2011 Program Year.

**Moved by** Mrs. Goodman, **seconded by** Mr. Wood, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 472-10 INTRODUCED BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

TO APPROVE THE 2011 STOP DWI PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SIGN ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PLAN

WHEREAS, the 2011 STOP DWI Plan has been prepared and requires the signature of the County Manager prior to being approved by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the 2011 STOP DWI budget is \$281,708, and

WHEREAS, a copy of the 2011 STOP DWI Plan is on file in the County Manager's Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Manager is authorized to sign any and all agreements with the State of New York and all appropriate agencies to effect the 2011 STOP DWI Plan, said agreements to be in such form as the County Attorney shall approve.

**Moved by** Mr. Sorensen, **seconded by** Mrs. Goodman, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 473-10 INTRODUCED BY HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF STATE AID TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Sullivan County and its municipalities are eligible to receive local assistance funds for the year 2011 for YDDP Youth Development (Youth Recreation, Youth Services, Youth Initiatives), and SDPP (Special Delinquency Prevention) projects; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Youth Board recommends the allocation of Office of Children and Family Services State aid to the following projects, in amounts not to exceed those listed:

*YDDP Youth Bureau Administration	\$32,070	*YDDP Youth Service	\$26,947
*YDDP Youth Recreation	\$20,143	*Liberty Police Juvenile Aid Bureau	\$ 5,485
*Delaware Youth Center	\$ 4,800	*Monticello Police Youth Officer Unit	\$ 5,485
*Roscoe CSD Summer Youth Recreation	\$ 1,195	*Monticello Housing Youth Services	\$ 4,350
		*Community Driver Safety Prgrm Alive @ 25	\$ 2,000

		*DRC Youth Achievement, Recognition	\$ 3,490
*Town of Bethel Youth Recreation	\$ 1,570	*Eldred Sunshine Hall Library Story Hour	\$ 1,000
*Town of Cochecton Youth Recreation	\$ 1,135	*PRASAD CDHP Smiles for Teens	\$ 2,175
*Town of Fallsburg Youth Recreation	\$ 2,967	*WJFF Youth Radio Project	\$ 2,962
*Town of Forestburgh Youth Recreation	\$ 1,000		
*Town of Highland Youth Recreation	\$ 1,190	*YDDP Youth Initiative	\$10,765
*Town of Lumberland Youth Recreation	\$ 1,135	*Boys & Girls Club	\$ 6,280
*Town of Mamakating Youth Recreation	\$ 2,966	*SC Cares Coalition Youth Program	\$ 4,485
*Town of Rockland Youth Recreation	\$ 1,135		
*Town of Tusten Youth Recreation	\$ 1,050	SDPP Special Delinquency Prevention	\$28,167
		Council on Alcohol Safe Summer Camp	\$ 6,709
		Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Pathways	\$ 2,294
		Recovery Center Sunshine Camp for Teens	\$ 6,706
[* indicates programs must match funds]		SC BOCES Even Start Summer Kids Camp	\$ 4,375
		SC CASA Court-Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 4,375
		SC Youth Bureau Program Monitoring	\$ 3,708
		SC Youth Bureau Program Monitoring	\$ 3,708

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature, for the County of Sullivan, approve the allocation of Office of Children and Family Services State aid to the aforementioned list of Recreation, Youth Service, Youth Initiative, and Special Delinquency Prevention projects; and

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\$118,092

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all necessary documentation and papers in connection herewith, in such form as approved by the Sullivan County Department of Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above-mentioned allocations and contracts will be contingent upon the County's receiving continued State aid at anticipated funding levels.

**Moved by** Mrs. Goodman, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

## Proposals for Youth Bureau/OCFS-funded programs, 2011

# Municipal programs: youth service and recreation

[\* indicates programs must match funds]

- Village of Liberty Police Youth Officer\*: Crime prevention to divert youth from juvenile court; community outreach through bike or Halloween safety, career-day presentations, fingerprinting through local schools.
- Monticello Police Youth Officers' Unit\*: Preventive outreach includes Halloween safety, fingerprinting, school mediation, familiarizing youth with K-9 and community policing.
- Monticello Housing Authority Youth Services\*: Tutoring, computer learning, sports, field trips, adolescent living skills, community service.
- Town of Bethel Youth Recreation\*: Summer swim program, in summer camp context with arts, crafts, sports, field trips.
- Town of Cochecton Youth Recreation\*: Year-round trips to sporting events, museums, canoeing, cultural events; hands-on creative and practical workshops.
- Town of Fallsburg Youth Recreation\*: Summer recreation with arts and crafts, swimming, sports, reading, presentations and workshops; winter swim program and field trips.
- **Town of Forestburgh Youth Recreation\***: Summer swim, arts and crafts, trips, community-resource presentations, Forestburgh Playhouse; winter skiing.
- Town of Highland Youth Recreation\*: Summer sports, creative crafts, science and nature exploration, cooking, reading, community service and beautification, workshops, trips.
- Town of Lumberland Youth Recreation\*: Summer arts and crafts, science and nature exploration, games and fitness, trips, evening stargazing, and other activities for families, children, and teens.
- **Town of Mamakating Youth Recreation\***: Year-round trips and events: fishing derby, nature activities, roller-skating, holiday parties, cultural field trips, craft workshops, teen activities.
- **Town of Rockland Youth Recreation\***: Livingston Manor Rotary Ice Carnival, instruction in figure skating and hockey, free skating all winter and an end-of-season treat party or trip.
- Town of Tusten Youth Recreation\*: Series of year-round cultural or holiday events, parties, workshops, and field trips.

## Proposals for Youth Bureau/OCFS-funded programs, 2011

# Nonmunicipal programs: recreation, service, youth initiatives, special delinquency

[\* indicates programs must match funds]

- **Boys & Girls Club\***: Through partnership with local school systems, after-school Boys & Girls Club builds youth skills and leadership, preventing at-risk and gang-related behaviors.
- CDSP, Community Driver Safety Programs Alive @ 25\*: National Driver Safety education for ages 16–20 targets attitudes, lifestyles, and decision making factors that put young drivers at risk, promotes safe driving, and prevents vehicular accidents among teens.
- Delaware Youth Center Summer Youth Recreation\*: A rich summer program with dance, theater, photojournalism, crafts, fine art, cooking, sports, canoeing, preschool play groups, teen dances and musical events, workshops with area artists, and educational presentations.
- DRC (Dispute Resolution Center) Youth Achievement, Recognition, and Development\*: Violenceprevention initiative recruits and trains youth in dispute resolution / communication to act as peer mediators, and assists schools in building peer-mediation programs.
- Eldred Sunshine Hall Library Story Hour\*: Saturday-morning activities include reading, thematic arts and crafts, computer-based learning, encouragement of parent-child bonding.
- Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Pathways/Flexible Delivery\*: Customized programming, life skills, and enrichment education for at-risk, high-need, underserved girls in special-education settings in BOCES, fostering self-esteem, motivation, and healthy choices.
- PRASAD CDHP Smiles for Teens\*: The Children's Dental Health Program targets teenagers through school- and community-based outreach and treatment for teens unable to afford care.
- Recovery Center Sunshine Camp for Teens: Teens at extreme risk participate in a camp and follow-up workshops that strengthen coping skills, preventive factors, bonding with adults and community, personal decision making, and effective peer relationships.
- Roscoe Central School Youth Recreation\*: Summer golf, tennis, arts and crafts, group games, fitness, swimming.
- SC BOCES Even Start Summer Kids Camp: Outdoor exploration and class activities build preliteracy
  and motor skills, reading and art, cognitive and social readiness for preschoolers' success in school.
- SC CARES Coalition\*: "Growing" engages parents, teens, and preteens in effective listening, alternatives to fighting, self- and mutual understanding; "Choices" trains youth as peer educators; mentoring program pairs teens with local business people for jobs and personal role models / mentoring.
- SC CASA, Court-Appointed Special Advocates: Advocacy for children in family court, to ensure delivery of services and promote safe, permanent homes.
- SC Council on Alcoholism Safe Summer Camp: A sleep-away camp for extremely at-risk children that fosters self-esteem, trust, respect, bonding, and coping skills. Fall follow-up activities and winter tie-in with Strengthening Families program.
- **WJFF Youth Radio Project\***: Youth learn technical skills and creative program development; conduct outreach to other youth, school districts, and the community; and produce a youth radio show.

Note: Most of these programs are currently funded for 2010 and are in good standing as to the activities and services they are providing for county youth.

RESOLUTION NO. 474-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan ("County"), pursuant to Resolution #349-10, has expressed its commitment to working with the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency ("Sullivan County IDA") in furtherance of the construction of the Southern Catskills Red Meat Processing Facility ("Project") to be located in the Village of Liberty, New York; and

WHEREAS, all grant funding for the planning and construction of the facility is now in place; and

WHEREAS, the \$800,000 grant received from the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires a 50% match, of which the County portion is \$150,000 in cash; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County IDA is the applicant for the EDA grant and requires the County share of \$150,000 to be paid to them; and

WHEREAS, all parties desire to commence development of the facility in an expeditious manner.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes a payment of \$150,000 to the Sullivan County IDA reflecting the County's cash commitment of matching funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to finalize Sullivan County's financial obligations to the Sullivan County IDA in a form acceptable to the County Attorney; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is herby directed to place the Sullivan County IDA on notice that the \$150,000 represents Sullivan County's sole payment, as all funding for the project has now been secured; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in the event that the EDA funding is not provided, the County will not be obliged to provide the \$150,000 nor shall it be committed to further the Project.

**Moved by** Mrs. Goodman, **seconded by** Mr. Wood, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 475-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2010 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG FOR TAX MAP #26.-1-68.12

WHEREAS, an application dated September 9, 2010 having been filed by Wayne and Tamara Ellis with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2010 tax roll of the Town of Fallsburg Tax Map #26.-1-68.12 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct a clerical error on said tax roll resulting from the incorrect entry on the tax roll that did not conform to the entry for the same parcel which appears on the final verified statement of the Board of Assessment Review; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed her report dated September 21, 2010 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of a clerical error.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute and order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong, and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 476-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2010 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF COCHECTON FOR TAX MAP #7.-1-2

WHEREAS, an application dated September 8, 2010 having been filed by John and Marilyn Battistessa-Battis with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2010 tax roll of the Town of Cochecton Tax Map #7.-1-2 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct a clerical error on said tax roll resulting from failure to apply the senior rate to the solid waste fee; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed her report dated September 21, 2010 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of a clerical error.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute and order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent

of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 477-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2008 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL FOR TAX MAP #24.-1-35

WHEREAS, an application dated September 10, 2010 having been filed by Deirdra Barry with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2008 tax roll of the Town of Bethel Tax Map, #24.-1-35 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct an error in essential fact on said tax roll resulting from an incorrect entry of acreage on the taxable portion of the assessment roll and tax roll, which acreage was considered by the assessor in the valuation of the parcel and which resulted in an incorrect assessed valuation of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed her report dated September 27, 2010 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute and order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 478-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2009 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL FOR TAX MAP #24.-1-35

WHEREAS, an application dated September 10, 2010 having been filed by Deirdra Barry with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2009 tax roll of the Town of Bethel Tax Map #24.-1-35 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct an error in essential fact on said tax roll resulting from an incorrect entry of acreage on the taxable portion of the assessment roll and tax roll, which acreage was considered by the assessor in the valuation of the parcel and which resulted in an incorrect assessed valuation of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed her report dated September 27, 2010 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute and order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 479-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2010 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL FOR TAX MAP #24.-1-35

WHEREAS, an application dated September 10, 2010 having been filed by Deirdra Barry with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2010 tax roll of the Town of Bethel Tax Map #24.-1-35 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct an error in essential fact on said tax roll resulting from an incorrect entry of acreage on the taxable portion of the assessment roll and tax roll, which acreage was considered by the assessor in the valuation of the parcel and which resulted in an incorrect assessed valuation of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed her report dated September 27, 2010 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute and order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relevied school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 480-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY USER FEE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature ("Legislature") adopted Local Law No. 7 of 2009 which established a solid waste user fee; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 7 of 2009 provided for a Sullivan County User Fee Grievance Committee ("Committee") to review written appeals from property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to report its recommendations to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed appeals and it recommends approving reduction/elimination of the user fee for properties detailed on the Recommended Approval List attached hereto as Appendix "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed appeals and it recommends denying reduction/elimination of the user fee for properties detailed on the Recommended Denial List attached hereto as Appendix "B" and made as part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Legislature acknowledges receipt of the Committee's recommendations detailed on Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" and hereby ratifies said recommendations contained on Appendix A and B.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Treasurer, on behalf of the Committee to notify the property owners regarding approval/denial of their respective appeals.

**Moved by** Mr. Sorensen, **seconded by** Mr. Wood, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 481-10 INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR A CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE OLD SMALLWOOD GOLF COURSE IN THE TOWN OF BETHEL

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan ("County") seeks to have developed two parcels in the hamlet of Smallwood, designated on the Town of Bethel tax map as SBL 51.-1-25.3 and 51.-1-27.1, commonly referred to as the 'Smallwood Golf Course' site ("Site") in the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the County, through a working group created by Legislative Chair, Jonathan Rouis, consisting of the County Treasurer, the Division of Planning and Environmental Management, the Town of Bethel, and several civic associations is interested in the development of the Site using a conservation development technique for the economic, social and environmental benefit of Sullivan County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, this project is an innovative approach to land development and has the potential to serve as a demonstration project and be replicated by other developers in Sullivan County and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, through its Division of Planning and Environmental Management is seeking proposals for a conservation development which will include both site planning and financing for implementation on this Site.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County authorizes the issuance of a request for proposals for a conservation development, including planning and financing of the Site.

**Moved by** Mrs. LaBuda, **seconded by** Mr. Wood, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent and Mr. Sorensen abstaining, resolution carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 482-10 INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH DIGITAL VIRTUAL IMAGING, LTD. TO CONDUCT A COUNTYWIDE

# BROADBAND & MOBILE TELEPHONYCOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, acting through the Division of Purchasing and Central Services, issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for various Technical Services related to the submission of Community Development Grants, which was prepared by the Division of Planning and Environmental Management (RFQ No. R-10-14, issued March 26, 2010); and

WHEREAS, the RFQ included a request for Communications Engineering Services with specific reference to broadband and cellular/wireless technologies; and

WHERAS, Digital Virtual Imaging (DVI), Ltd., was among the firms responding to the RFQ and was the only firm offering services in the area of communications engineering and planning; and

WHEREAS, the County applied for and was awarded funding from the USDA/Rural Development Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program, for the purpose of conducting a Countywide Broadband and Mobile Telephony Communications Infrastructure Study; and

WHEREAS, the RBOG application identified a scope of work to be implemented under the grant, if awarded, which DVI, Ltd. is capable of providing, and

WHEREAS, the RBOG application identified as part of the project team DVI, Ltd., who would provide technical expertise and work as a consultant to the Division of Planning and Environmental Management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract for services with DVI, Ltd., for a scope of services related to the work plan identified in the RBOG application, for a contracted price not to exceed \$65,000 and in such form as the County Attorney shall approve.

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mr. Hiatt, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTIONNO. 483-10 INTRODUCED BY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH NYSDOT FOR IMPLEMENTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REPAIR OF THE BEAVER KILL COVERED BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, a Project for BIN 3357260/County Bridge 304 on Town Highway 29 over the Beaver Kill in the Town of Rockland, Sullivan County, PIN 9753.40 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 of the U.S. Code as amended that calls for apportionment of the costs of such programs to be borne at the ratio of 100% Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the Federal share of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature, duly convened hereby approves the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to pay in the first instance 100% of the Federal share of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering work for the Project or portions thereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the sum of \$7,300 is hereby appropriated from D5020-10-1011 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in the event the full Federal share of costs of the Project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Sullivan County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the New York State Department of Transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Manager be hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal-Aid on behalf of the County with the New York State Department of Transportation, in such forms as approved by the County Attorney, to advance, approve, and administer the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Moved by** Mrs. LaBuda, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 484-10 INTRODUCED BY HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR A CONTRACT FOR 2010-2011 WITH SUKHWINDER SINGH, MD AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONSULTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, through the Department of Community Services (DCS), has Professional Service Contracts with Sukhwinder Singh, MD; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the County Manager to execute contracts for the period of November 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011, and renewal up to three years with the following individual at the rate set opposite his/her name:

Dr. Sukhwinder Singh, Psychiatrist

\$110.00 per hour

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** this contract is at the County's discretion, subject to annual appropriation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the maximum of the Professional Service Contracts not exceed the 2010 or the 2011 Department of Community Services' budgeted amount for Professional Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the form of said contract be approved by the Sullivan County Attorney's Office.

**Moved by** Mrs. LaBuda, **seconded by** Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

Chairman Rouis indicated the following resolutions on the addendum came out of the Management and Budget Committee earlier today.

RESOLUTION NO. 485-10 INTRODUCED BY MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LOCAL ENHANCED WIRELESS 911 PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has determined that Sullivan County is eligible to apply for reimbursement of certain costs associated with the provision of Wireless 911 services, and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County's allocation from the 2010-2011 State Budget for costs incurred from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2013 is \$38,196.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of State to comply with the terms and conditions of the Funding Guidelines for reimbursement of eligible wireless 911 services costs incurred during the specified period in the amount of \$38,196.00, such agreement to be in a form acceptable to the County Attorney.

**Moved by** Mrs. Goodman, **seconded by** Mrs. LaBuda, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 486-10 INTRODUCED BY MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO MODIFY THE 2010 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan 2010 Budget requires modification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached budgetary transfers be authorized.

See Attached

**Moved by** Mr. Hiatt, **seconded by** Mrs. Goodman, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 487-10 INTRODUCED BY MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO APPORTION MORTGAGE TAX

WHEREAS, Section 261 of the Tax Law of the State of New York requires apportionment of the mortgage tax, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk and the County Treasurer have submitted a quarterly report, for the period of July 2010 to September 2010, to the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, The County Legislature has apportioned, among the various towns and incorporated villages of the County of Sullivan, the equitable share of the mortgage tax;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the County Treasurer draw checks for each of the towns and villages the quarterly mortgage tax so apportioned, as follows:

## TOWNS

Bethel	25,970.70
Callicoon	15,408.01
Cochecton	5,868.41
Delaware	10,748.33
Fallsburg	19,215.52
Forestburgh	5,369.80

Fremont	4,559.88
Highland	11,840.03
Liberty	17,675.48
Lumberland	46,244.83
Mamakating	42,875.10
Neversink	8,242.44
Rockland	10,922.06
Thompson	45,095.16
Tusten	5,224.01

## VILLAGES

_	Bloomingburg	546.76
c	Jeffersonville	, 755.38
	Liberty	3,092.55
	Monticello	4,702.96
	Woodridge	891.27
	Wurtsboro	1,816.97

TOTAL 287,065.65

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mr. Rouis, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 488-10 INTRODUCED BY MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW 7 OF 2009 AND LOCAL LAW 1 OF 1992 TO PROVIDE FOR A DIRECT BILLED USER FEE SYSTEM FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, there has been introduced and presented at a meeting of the Sullivan County Legislature held on October 21, 2010, a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Amend Local Law 7 of 2009 and 1 of 1992 and Chapter 171 of the Code of Sullivan County to Add a New Article VIII Establishing A Solid Waste User Fee".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on said proposed local law by the Sullivan County Legislature on November 10, 2010 at 9:05AM, in the Legislative Chambers, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, and at least six (6) days' notice of public hearing be given by the Clerk of the Sullivan County Legislature by due posting thereof on the bulletin board of the County of Sullivan and by publishing such notice at lease once in the official newspapers of said County.

**Moved by** Mrs. Goodman, **seconded by** Mr. Wood, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

### **COUNTY OF SULLIVAN**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been duly presented and introduced at a meeting of the Legislature of the County of Sullivan, New York, held on October 21, 2010, a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Amend Local Law 7 of 2009 and 1 of 1992 and Chapter 171 of the Code of Sullivan County to Add a New Article VIII Establishing a Solid Waste User Fee".

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Legislature of the County of Sullivan will conduct a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law at the Legislative Chambers, County Government Center, Monticello, New York, 12701, on November 10, 2010 at 9:05AM at which time all persons interested will be heard.

DATED: October 21, 2010

ANNMARIE MARTIN

Clerk of the Legislature

County of Sullivan, New York

RESOLUTION NO. 489-10 INTRODUCED BY THE MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR A SIDE AGREEMENT WITH LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 17 RELATED TO THE 2010 NYS EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES

WHEREAS, the County had elected to participate in the 2010 NYS Early Retirement Incentive Program Part A and Part B; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into negotiations for a side agreement to mitigate the cost of participating in the retirement program and to address reforms of operational issues; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Laborers International Union Local 17 (LIU 17) related to the 2010 NYS Early Retirement Incentive Program and operational issues; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Division of Public Works has concurred with the MOA related to the 2010 NYS Early Retirement Incentive Program and operational issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Laborers International Union Local 17

related to the 2010 NYS Early Retirement Incentive Program and operational issues in the Division of Public Works, attached hereto as Schedule "A".

**Moved by** Mrs. LaBuda, **seconded by** Mr. Hiatt, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION 490-10 INTRODUCED BY THE MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PLAN AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING FACILITY CLASSROOMS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Training Facility project has been created and amended from time to time,

WHEREAS, the capital account has \$159,000 of funds in excess of the amended project cost, and

WHEREAS, there was a need to use the money for site work at the property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislature of the County of Sullivan, hereby amends the adopted Capital Plan in accordance with Section C2.02(N) of the Sullivan County Charter, upon a two-thirds vote of the membership thereof as follows:

1. Increase Emergency Services Capital Account total project cost by \$159,000 from existing funds that were set aside to support the emergency services. More than \$100,000 was designated for this purpose by the Sullivan County Employees Association Union that disbanded prior to Laborers International Union Local 17 representation of DPW employees.

**Moved by** Mr. Wood, **seconded by** Mrs. LaBuda, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 491-10 INTRODUCED BY THE MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO CREATE AND ABOLISH A POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) has placed new responsibilities upon the Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Board Elections has certified and determined the election machines that each County Board of Elections is mandated to purchase, maintain, and utilize, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Elections has issued requirements that provide for the comprehensive testing, maintenance, storage, utilization, and technological updating of the voting machines, and

WHEREAS, the Management Information Systems Department must have a position that appropriately reflects the voting machine technical responsibilities, including, the performance of analytical, technical, and administrative work in the support of computer based voting systems, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections has collaborated with the Chief Information Officer to develop a job specification that reflects the requisite job duties and qualifications, specifically related to the certified voting machines and the County Voting System Training and Maintenance Center, and

WHEREAS, the County Manager concurs and recommends that the Legislature abolish the PC Specialist Position and create an Information Systems Support Specialist position in the Department of Management Information Systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby abolishes and creates the following positions:

**ABOLISH:** 

A-1680

PC SPECIALIST

**TEAMSTERS 445 CBA** 

**GRADE VII** 

**CREATE:** 

A-1680

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUPPORT SPECIALIST TEAMSTERS 445 CBA

**GRADE VII** 

**Moved by** Mrs. Goodman, **seconded by** Mr. Hiatt, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong, and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

At this point Mr. Lou Setren stated there was something he neglected to mention earlier. He has a petition signed by over eighty employees at the Travis Building who seek to severely limit the use of part-time employees in place of full time vacancies.

Chairman Rouis asked for a motion to untable the following resolution. Mrs. LaBuda moved to untable, seconded by Mr. Hiatt agreed and carried.

Mr. Hiatt stated it is dangerous for him to go over the Social Services building. He tries to explain to them and he knows that they are apprehensive about losing positions but he is apprehensive about not having positions filled. He thinks it is better in the short term to have someone in there working and trying to accomplish the tasks. He thinks two experienced individuals can do the work over one brand new person. The duty of government is to provide services and we are struggling just to provide those services for the short term.

# RESOLUTION NO. 492-10 INTRODUCED BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO CREATE TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, staffing needs are reviewed on an on-going basis in the Department of Family Services, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Family Services experiences high demand for services at various times during the year, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the creation of two (2) regular part-time positions to be filled by experienced retired personnel during peak demand for services times that could improve the responses to these peak demand periods and improve caseload to worker ratios and improve the timeline of claims being processed. These positions will be Family Services Investigator (@ Teamsters' entry rate grade 6) and Social Welfare Examiner (@ Teamsters entry rate grade 5), and

**WHEREAS**, these positions will be the most cost effective way of addressing these demands on a time limited basis and be rotated within the respective units with the most demand at any given time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of two part-time (20 hour per week) positions as detailed above to be filled by experienced retired personnel from within the Department of Family Services.

**Moved by** Mrs. LaBuda, **seconded by** Mr. Hiatt, put to a vote with Mr. Sager, Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Binder absent, unanimously carried and **declared duly adopted on motion** October 21, 2010.

There being no further business, Mrs. Goodman, moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wood. The meeting was declared closed at 4:00PM, subject to the call of the Chairman.

mnMarie Martin, Clerk to the Legislature

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	ations	A-1620-23-45-4542	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY WELDING			400	
	ations	A-1620-23-47-4779	DEPT BLDG/PROP MAINTNCE SERVICES				145
	ations	A-1620-23-47-4779	DEPT BLDG/PROP MAINTNCE SERVICES				400
	U	A-1620-24-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				750
	U	A-1620-24-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				350
	U	A-1620-24-45-4540	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY PARTS/FLUIDS/FILTERS			20	
	U	A-1620-24-45-4540	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY PARTS/FLUIDS/FILTERS			200	
	U	A-1620-24-45-4540	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY PARTS/FLUIDS/FILTERS			225	
	U	A-1620-24-45-4540	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY PARTS/FLUIDS/FILTERS			300	
	U	A-1620-24-45-4540	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY PARTS/FLUIDS/FILTERS			1,000	
	U	A-1620-24-45-4540	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY PARTS/FLUIDS/FILTERS			1,000	
	U	A-1620-24-45-4549	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY SAFETY				50
	U	A-1620-24-46-4611	MISC SERV/EXP EMPL SAFETY/PHYSICAL EXAMS			89	
	U	A-1620-24-47-4717	DEPT BLDG/PROP REPAIRS				200
	u	A-1620-24-47-4717	DEPT BLDG/PROP REPAIRS				300
	U	A-1620-24-47-4732	DEPT BLDG/PROP ELECTRONIC MONITORING				200
	U	A-1620-24-47-4732	DEPT BLDG/PROP ELECTRONIC MONITORING				250
	U	A-1620-24-47-4779	DEPT BLDG/PROP MAINTNCE SERVICES			275	
	U	A-1620-24-47-4779	DEPT BLDG/PROP MAINTNCE SERVICES			006	
	louse	A-1620-25-44-4402	UTILITY FUEL OIL			1,850	
	fouse	A-1620-25-45-4505	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY BLDG/PROP MAINTENANCE			200	
	louse	A-1620-25-45-4524	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY LUMBER				200
	louse	A-1620-25-45-4530	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY HARDWARE/MISC SUPPLY				250
	louse	A-1620-25-45-4548	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING				250
	louse	A-1620-25-47-4702	DEPT EQUIP SERVICE/REPAIRS				200
96 DPW - Court House	louse	A-1620-25-47-4732	DEPT BLDG/PROP ELECTRONIC MONITORING				100
96 DPW - Court House	fouse	A-1620-25-47-4779	DEPT BLDG/PROP MAINTNCE SERVICES				750
98 DPW - Comm Services	ervices	A-1620-26-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE			1,400	
99 DPW - Jail	=	A-1620-27-45-4505	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY BLDG/PROP MAINTENANCE				100
liet - W90 99	=	A-1620-27-45-4530	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY HARDWARE/MISC SUPPLY			100	
101 DPW - Patrol	jo.	A-1620-28-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				1,000
101 DPW - Patro	lo.	A-1620-28-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				20
101 DPW - Patro	ol	A-1620-28-44-4404	UTILITY PROPANE			9,010	
101 DPW - Patro	lo.	A-1620-28-45-4530	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY HARDWARE/MISC SUPPLY			20	
102 MIS		A-1680-43-4303	COMPUTER SOFTWARE PURCHSE/LEASE			2,894	
108 Misc Expense	15e	A-1989-99-47-4736	DEPT CONTINGENT				9,010
108 Misc Expense	se	A-1989-99-47-4736	DEPT CONTINGENT				12,887

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108	Misc Expense	A-1989-99-47-4736	DEPT CONTINGENT				675
111	Public Safety - Admin	A-3010-45-4530	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY HARDWARE/MISC SUPPLY			246	
111	Public Safety - Admin	A-3010-47-4702	DEPT EQUIP SERVICE/REPAIRS				246
115	Sheriff - Patrol	A-3110-29-21-2105	FIXED AUTOMOTIVE EQUIP			42,000	
115	Sheriff - Patrol	A-3110-29-41-4102	AUTO/TRAVEL LODGING				2,000
115	Sheriff - Patrol	A-3110-29-41-4105	AUTO/TRAVEL REGISTRATION FEES				2,000
115	Sheriff - Patrol	A-3110-29-43-4301	COMPUTER SUPPLIES				2,000
115	Sheriff - Patrol	A-3110-29-45-4506	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY PUBLIC SAFETY				2,000
115	Sheriff - Patrol	A-3110-29-46-4603	MISC SERV/EXP EMPL UNIFORM ALLOWANCE				3,500
116	Sheriff - Patrol	A-3110-29-47-4708	DEPT INSURANCE				2,000
117	Sheriff - Civil	A-3110-30-42-4206	OFFICE PUBLICATIONS				153
117	Sheriff - Civil	A-3110-30-46-4602	MISC SERV/EXP EMPL MEAL ALLOWANCE			15	
117	Sheriff - Civil	A-3110-30-47-4708	DEPT INSURANCE			24	
117	Sheriff - Civil	A-3110-30-47-4710	DEPT MISC/OTHER			114	
125	Jail	A-3150-20-2005	TRACKED EQUIP OTHER			1,450	
125	Jail	A-3150-42-4203	OFFICE OFFICE SUPPLIES			1,500	
125	Jail	A-3150-45-4543	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY FOOD				17,500
126	Jail	A-3150-46-4603	MISC SERV/EXP EMPL UNIFORM ALLOWANCE				1,450
126	Jail	A-3150-46-4603	MISC SERV/EXP EMPL UNIFORM ALLOWANCE				1,500
126	Jail	A-3150-47-4738	DEPT LAUNDRY/LINENS				2,000
144	Public Health - Early Interv.	A-4059-41-4104	AUTO/TRAVEL MILEAGE/TOLLS			1,200	
144	Public Health - Early Interv.	A-4059-41-4105	AUTO/TRAVEL REGISTRATION FEES				175
144	Public Health - Early Interv.	A-4059-41-4106	AUTO/TRAVEL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE				1,100
144	Public Health - Early Interv.	A-4059-41-4109	AUTO/TRAVEL CO FLEET CHARGEBACK			1,075	
144	Public Health - Early Interv.	A-4059-44-4405	UTILITY PHONE LAND LINES				1,000
160	SC Airport	A-5610-20-2002	TRACKED EQUIP ELECTRONIC/COMPUTER			300	
160	SC Airport	A-5610-43-4301	COMPUTER SUPPLIES				300
160	SC Airport	A-5610-45-4549	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY SAFETY			125	
161	SC Airport	A-5610-47-4708	DEPT INSURANCE				125
161	SC Airport	A-5610-47-4712	DEPT EQUIP CALIBRATION			150	
161	SC Airport	A-5610-47-4717	DEPT BLDG/PROP REPAIRS				150
162	Transportation	A-5680-42-4201	OFFICE ADVERTISING				130
162	Transportation	A-5680-45-4505	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY BLDG/PROP MAINTENANCE			250	
162	Transportation	A-5680-46-4613	MISC SERV/EXP JUDGEMENTS/CLAIMS			1,066	
162	Transportation	A-5680-47-4708	DEPT INSURANCE				936
186	CWD	A-6293-43-4311	COMPUTER WEBINAR AND RELATED EXPENSES			285	
186	CWD	A-6293-45-4543	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY FOOD			18	

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187 198 198 198	CWD Parks & Rec - Lake Sup						200
198 198 198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-6293-47-4780	DEPT CLIENT TRAINING				285
198 198	-	A-7110-82-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				ου : 
198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-42-4205	OFFICE PRINTING			•	200
	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-44-4401	UTILITY ELECTRIC			T	
198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-45-4501	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY MISC/OTHER			anc.	ŗ
198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-45-4503	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY RECREATION			UUG	07
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198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-45-4505	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY BLDG/PROP IMAINTENANCE				135
198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-45-4530	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY HARDWARE/MISC SUPPLY			UC	300
198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-47-4710	DEPT MISC/OTHER			77	т Н
198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-47-4717	DEPT BLDG/PROP REPAIRS				150
198	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-47-4720	DEPT LABORATORY/XRAY EXPENSE				2/1
199	Parks & Rec - Lake Sup	A-7110-82-47-4779	DEPT BLDG/PROP MAINTNCE SERVICES			10°C	9/7
201	Parks & Rec - Stone Arch	A-7110-84-45-4530	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY HARDWARE/MISC SUPPLY			ret T	
201	Parks & Rec - Stone Arch	A-7110-84-45-4548	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY ELECTRICAL/BLUMBING			מ	L
203	Parks & Rec - LM Covered Bridge	A-7110-86-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				u 6
203	Parks & Rec - LM Covered Bridge	A-7110-86-47-4779	DEPT BLDG/PROP MAINTNCE SERVICES			180	001
207	D&H Canal Museum	A-7450-203-42-4201	OFFICE ADVERTISING			Poor	ш
207	D&H Canal Museum	A-7450-203-42-4206	OFFICE PUBLICATIONS			u	n
208	Fort Delaware	A-7520-40-4015	CONTRACT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE			ר על	
208	Fort Delaware	A-7520-45-4503	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY RECREATION			99	
208	Fort Delaware	A-7520-45-4505	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY BLDG/PROP MAINTENANCE			r C	
208	Fort Delaware	A-7520-45-4532	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY SEED/MULCH ETC			On The	r
208	Fort Delaware	A-7520-46-4609	MISC SERV/EXP SPECIAL SERV/OTHER				א כי ע
211	Aging - Main Unit	A-7610-87-41-4102	AUTO/TRAVEL LODGING			80V	OCD.
211	Aging - Main Unit	A-7610-87-41-4104	AUTO/TRAVEL MILEAGE/TOLLS			9	540
211	Aging - Main Unit	A-7610-87-41-4105	AUTO/TRAVEL REGISTRATION FEES			65	2
211	Aging - Main Unit	A-7610-87-41-4109	AUTO/TRAVEL CO FLEET CHARGEBACK			5 05	
213	Aging - Nutrition	A-7610-88-45-4501	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY MISC/OTHER			788	
213	Aging - Nutrition	A-7610-88-45-4543	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY FOOD			ביים ביים ביים ביים ביים ביים ביים ביים	
230	SC Veterans Cemetery	A-8810-45-4505	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY BLDG/PROP MAINTENANCE			000	C
235	Interfund Transfers	A-9901-90-9001	TRANSFERS COUNTY ROAD				000
235	Interfund Transfers	A-9901-90-9001	TRANSFERS COUNTY ROAD				4,034
235	Interfund Transfers	A-9901-90-9002	TRANSFERS ROAD MACHINERY			20.000	20,000
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239	Solid Waste System	CL-8160-40-4013	CONTRACT OTHER	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
239	Solid Waste System	CL-8160-42-4201	OFFICE ADVERTISING				4,000
239	Solid Waste System	CL-8160-42-4203	OFFICE OFFICE SUPPLIES			,	75
239	Solid Waste System	CL-8160-42-4203	OFFICE OFFICE SUPPLIES			100	
239	Solid Waste System	CL-8160-43-4301	COMPUTER SUPPLIES			20	
239	Solid Waste System	CL-8160-45-4501	SPEC DEPT SUPPLY MISC/OTHER			525	
239	Solid Waste System	CL-8160-45-4501					25
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# Sullivan County Farm Network

The Farm Network was founded in March 2010, by dairy, livestock, maple, honey and vegetable producers who value our farms and want to keep them productive. Over 50 people attended the first meeting. The Network works with local farmers and non-farming friends from all sectors of our community.

Our Mission: To increase farming activities in Sullivan County and strengthen communication between those who grow food and those who eat it.

### Our Activities:

Organized FARMSTOCK, educational farm tours with 8 farms participating and over 400 visitors

Presented at 'Eat Healthy-Eat Local' program in conjunction with Liberty Fitness, farmers talked about the importance of buying local food, 60 attended

Participated at meetings with the Ag LDC (Sullivan County Agricultural Local Development) and IDA (the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency) to consider county creamery, red meat plant, biomass production as in grass pelletizing, new farmer recruitment, small grants to assist farmers develop

Seeking board seats on reorganized Ag LDC, REAP/Rural Economic Area Partnership, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, Sullivan County Visitors Association

Cooperating with Sullivan County Farm Market groups to establish a winter farm market which will include the sale of local farm products, 'Come Meet the Farmer' and mini workshops on cooking, gardening, raising livestock etc.

Developed working relationship with the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; special effort to enroll farmers in Chamber has begun.

The Sullivan County Farm Network realizes the value of agriculture in our lives and for our economy. We invite those interested in working to accomplish this vital work to contact us:

Sullivanfarmnetwork@gmail.com Alice Diehl - 845 482 -5047 Maryanne Dirie - 845 - 482 4301 Cindy Gieger – 845 482 5729 cindygieger@gmail.com Sonja Hedlund – 845 482 4764 sonja@applepondfarm.com

### County Profile – Sullivan County

### Agricultural statistics

### The total number of farms – 382

By category:

Dairy	32	Greenhouse/Nursery	20
Livestock	199	Poultry/Duck	24
Horse	75	Christmas Tree	12
Vegetable	20		

### Acres in farmland – 62,300 acres

By landuse type:

Total cropland	34,476 acres
Permanent pasture	7,200 acres
Farm woodland	16.201 acres

### Total agricultural receipts - \$78.2 million

Poultry products	\$22 million
Ducks	\$17 million
Dairy products	
Forest products	\$8 million
Livestock	\$8 million
Crops	\$6 million
Greenhouse/Nursery	\$2.5 million
Vegetables	\$1.8 million
Other products	\$1.9 million

### Farm trends

Since 20XX, the number of individual farm operations has increased by XX. This increase has been arisen mostly as a result of diversified, woman-owned farms. (Look at Census of Ag for statistics)

### Market statistics

The local food industry in Sullivan County is continually expanding. Nearly forty farms are focused on direct market sales. Seven seasonal markets serve communities across the county. Nearly twenty retailers and specialty food producers highlight local products. Nine restaurants and caterers plan their menus around seasonally available products. Five food distributors, both local and regional, travel through Sullivan County on a regular basis.

### Farmers' markets -

Jeffersonville Thursdays 2-6 pm

Route 52 (Main Street) across from the U.S. Post Office.

Liberty

Fridays 3-6 pm

In the Municipal Lot on Darbee Lane near The First National Bank of Jeffersonville

# MARIA GRIMALDI PANTHER ROCK FARM HARDENBURGH ROAD TOWN OF CALLICOON

October 13, 2010

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Sullivan County Legislature:

It is in the best interest of the Sullivan County Legislature to move forward quickly on establishing Sullivan County as an important partner in building a Regional food shed in the Northeast.

With the rise of energy costs to transport and produce food and the collapse of our traditional financial systems, government, businesses and ordinary citizens must look to establishing a better, more sustainable food system that will serve everyone.

Sullivan County is well positioned with excellent land and water resources available to follow the lead of other New York and New England agriculture to produce diversified farm products improve our local economy and continue to attract tourists and second home owners to our beautiful environment. We have undeveloped or fallow farm land, some, no doubt in foreclosure, which could be improved and put into production, besides vegetable crops, herbs both edible and medicinal, our soils are well suited for livestock pasture, small soft fruits, apples and even grains.

We must follow working examples of success stories and not waste time "re-inventing the wheel". We can employ our educational institutions such as: Sullivan County Community College, the BOCES system, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Pure Catskills and the Northeast Organic Farmers Association of New York (NOFA-NY). The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets is an excellent source of technical assistance and even grants to help establish new farms.

### Among the priorities to address are:

 Develop a job incubator program that connects jobs to agriculture and food entrepreneurship. Sullivan County Community College which has a traditional food service program could easily be expanded to follow the lead of Morrisville College in their superb Nelson Farms project which operates in upstate New York. I urge you to look at this model as a possibility that could mimic here.

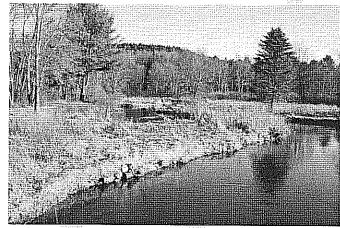
- We know that diversification and adding-value to dairy products would insure better profitability for our struggling diary producers. The success of Tonjes Dairy Farm near Jeffersonville is a model, as are a myriad of other cheese, yogurt and specialty dairy farm producers throughout the Northeast.
- The recent feasibility study to establish a local creamery similar to Hudson Fresh should be revisited. The demand for local milk, butter, ice-cream and other dairy products is high; the liquid milk that is presently being shipped out of our County is making millions for companies that have no connection to our local communities. It is imperative that we establish ourselves as key producers of these products and keep the money here within our own financial system. The cooperative dairy system is broken; let us establish our own system.
- Producing food for our own communities should be a first priority in distribution of locally grown food. Good nutritious food should be available to everyone, not offered as a boutique commodity to wealthy citizens and taken to distant markets. There are large families on poverty level incomes, senior citizens on fixed incomes and people with limited abilities or resources to grow their own food. Sharing the abundance we produce can be accomplished through community gardens, small vegetable farms, and USDA processed meat and small poultry operations. These goods can be purchased at local markets and Community Supported Agricultural programs (CSA's) and at our local Farmers' Markets. These markets should accept Food Stamps (EBT) which is Federal money that is distributed through Family Services. An excellent model of such a farm exists in Hadley, Massachusetts it is called Food Bank Farm. Food Bank Farm serves the community at large, employs a number of people, and provides food for local food pantries and homeless shelters.
- Farms can help address the debacle of our solid waste problem by privatizing onfarm compost operations which combine collection of compostable food waste from
  institutions by the DPW and delivering it to farms where it is combined with
  manure and sawdust to create compost. Compost would further improve our
  upland soils for more diversified farming and/or create a marketable product to sell.
  There are many examples of successful farm/compost operations and technical
  assistance is available to the County to start implementing such an operation.

I urge you to look at what our neighboring counties and states are doing to build their local food systems and help start similar initiatives as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Maria Grimaldi





Issued by:
Sullivan County Division of
Planning and Environmental
Management

October 21, 2010

The Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management, working with a committee of Sullivan County and Town of Bethel officials, conservation organizations and members of the public, issues this Request for Proposal ("RFP") for a Conservation Development concept plan for the former Smallwood Golf Course and adjacent parcel currently owned by the County. Recognizing that many conventional development strategies often compromise natural features and remove open space from the landscape, the County, the Town of Bethel and their constituents determined that, because of the special aesthetic quality of the land, its sale at public auction was not the best way to bring about a development that would be most beneficial to the County, the Town and the developer. To offset any significant effects on water quality, aesthetic values, wildlife preservation and overall quality of life of the Bethel community, the aforementioned committee was formed at the direction of the Sullivan County Legislature to guide this project.

The parcels are located on Ballard Road in the Smallwood area of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, New York and total 192 acres that include a former golf course and ball field. The characteristics of this property include significant wetlands and forested areas as well as several streams including: White Lake Brook, Lybolt Brook and an unnamed stream which feed into the Mongaup River. There is also an 80 +/- acre lake (Mountain Lake) contiguous to the property. In addition, there is a 60'W x700'L strip of property that is part of a flag lot and is not developable and a 2 acre parcel within the property that is privately held and provides seasonal water to the Smallwood community and is a recharge basin for surrounding areas. [See map and site details in attachment].

This property presents a unique opportunity to establish conservation development as a viable option for sustainable economic growth for Bethel, the Catskill region, and beyond. This project will also showcase successful conservation techniques employed by developers and provide them with public recognition. Ultimately, this will increase public awareness and influence public demand for balanced community growth.

### **Conservation Development**

Conservation development is a means by which land use techniques, combining ecologically-based design principles with private capital, reduce the negative impacts of development and provide functional protection for conservation resources. The ultimate goal is to help local officials identify and protect networks of natural lands within new development projects to assure a greener future for succeeding generations of residents. Conservation development also brings the best and brightest minds together in a balanced partnership of public and private entities working to do well and to do good. In today's challenging fiscal climate, the flow of private real estate development capital into land conservation is a wise next step to allow our communities to preserve what makes them special and allow for growth.

Collectively, conservation development accounts for approximately 20 to 25% of all private land conservation activity in the United States and contributes significantly to the form of the built environment in some regions of the country. Encompassing a wide range of projects and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bethel Parcels (S) 51-1-25.3 and 51-1-27.1

practices, conservation development has resulted in funding for conservation in areas of high land prices where traditional philanthropic funding was insufficient. It has also encouraged developers in suburban, exurban and rural areas to use conservation development as a way to reduce development costs and target the market niche for amenity-based, eco-friendly development.<sup>2</sup>

### Background

Located in the Town of Bethel, the project site lies in the heart of Sullivan County - an area historically known for agriculture and tourism. For decades, visitors traveled to Sullivan County for the respite of the clean air, clean water and idyllic natural surroundings. Today, Sullivan County has a growing second home community and many of its hamlets and main streets are experiencing revitalization at a steady, sustainable pace.

The Town of Bethel is home to the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and the Museum at Bethel Woods, located at the site of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Arts Festival. This multi-million dollar destination presents programming 10 months a year in various venues throughout the site. Now completing its fifth season, Bethel Woods has become a major destination and an impetus for economic development in the surrounding area including a redevelopment of the Kauneonga Lake hamlet with new restaurants and enhancement of several regional performing arts organizations.

The Town of Bethel recently adopted a new comprehensive plan and zoning which provides for protections of open space, rural community character, and active farmland. The Plan also encourages business development and expanded housing opportunities. [The Town of Bethel Comprehensive Plan is available at the Town's website. See appendix for details.]

The project site is physically located in the hamlet of Smallwood, an area that has traditionally been comprised of small cabins, many seasonal and some year-round. Conveniently located to State Route 17B, the Property is approximately 6 miles from NYS Route 17 (future I-86) and is accessible from Ballard Road and Golf Park Road, with frontage on several other Town roads.

Over the last several years, the Smallwood community has attracted young families. Presently, the homes in Smallwood are rated as "start-up" or "moderate income" housing. Its Civic Association and Club offer several community amenities including a beach, tennis courts, a clubhouse and programming.

Areas outside of Smallwood and other parts of Bethel experienced a growth in second home and gated communities in the 80's/90's; right up to the recent economic decline. As a result, there is a capacity of upscale housing in the area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Conservation Development in the United States", Project Report and Briefing Book, April 2009.

**Demographics of the area** – Sullivan County is located approximately 90 miles from New York City, in the lower Catskill Mountain Region of upstate New York. According to the 2000 census, the population of Sullivan County was 73,966; the Town of Bethel 4,362. The mean drive time to work for Sullivan County residents was 29.3 minutes; Bethel 32.3 minutes. The median household income in Sullivan County was \$36,998; the Town of Bethel \$37,321.

A current area of growth in Sullivan County is that of the Healthcare industry. Crystal Run Healthcare, Catskill Regional Medical Center and the Center for Discovery offer opportunities from entry level care to middle and upper management and direct medical care as well as support services.

Crystal Run Healthcare has locations in Rock Hill and Liberty New York (both approximately 15 miles from the project site). Crystal Run employs 170+ physicians in multiple locations throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley and lower Catskill regions including Rock Hill and Liberty, both approximately 15 miles from the project site.

Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) is an affiliated member of the Greater Hudson Valley Health System with a main campus in Harris and the Grover M. Hermann Division in Callicoon.

The Center for Discovery is a 501(c) (3) organization founded in 1948 to provide services to children and adults with developmental disabilities, medical frailties and other neurologic or learning challenges. Today with nearly 1,500 employees it serves more than 1000 people from throughout New York State, the Northeastern US, and several foreign countries. The Center's nature based curriculum and programs are widely recognized for their progressive philosophy. Farming in particular plays an important role at The Center as it not only provides a significant portion of the food consumed there but it also provides significant work and learning opportunities.

### Project Objectives

With proper ecological and financial planning, the inclusion of conservation or 'limited' development can assist in financing the protection of land that would have otherwise been more extensively developed. In an effort to promote and ensure a best practices approach to the land use and design of this very special parcel, the County seeks a development team committed to utilizing **conservation development** techniques to maximize the quality of the built environment while minimizing or eliminating negative impacts to the natural environment. The goals of the project are:

- 1. To create a residential development that is sustainable, ecological and also provides for economic development.
- 2. Preserve vital natural and ecologically sensitive areas while allowing public access.
- 3. Create a model development that demonstrates best practices.

### The conservation outcome criteria are:

- -Low-impact design and construction
- -Conserved areas with permanent legal protection
  - -Mechanism in place to fund long-term stewardship and monitoring costs
  - -Stewardship plan with rigorous ecological and other metrics and thresholds vis-a-vis development impact risks
  - -Measures in place to require and facilitate recuperation of conservation targets if thresholds are exceeded.

### The financial outcome criteria are:

- -Project is financially solid under conservation assumptions
- -Highly leverages private real estate development capital
- -Permanent stewardship funding

### Specific Aspects of the Project Development should include:

- Innovation in design that works with the allowable density according to the current Town of Bethel Zoning beyond the limitations of slopes and wetlands. [Less density, conservation subdivision approach]
- A design that is based on and consistent with a natural features analysis.
- A design that works with the existing landscape and minimizes cut and fill.
- Minimal road infrastructure; utilization of existing access points.
- An emphasis on conservation of open space and natural resources including trees, wetlands and natural vegetative areas.
- Creation of mixed use recreational opportunities for the general public including trails for hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing etc.
- Protection of natural habitat and wildlife corridors.
- Plan for working with a land trust to pursue a permanent conservation easement on the property that would protect the open space and recreational areas.
- Creative approach to storm water management.
- Housing should be designed using architectural style that is compatible with the landscape and the character of the community.
- Every effort should be made to place utilities underground.
- Concept should present ideas for additional economic development activities that could take place on the site in accordance with the Town Zoning. See district intent and regulations in appendix.

### Projects that include the following will be given priority:

- Incorporation of principles of sustainable design practices.
- Single family detached housing that would include 40% of the housing stock priced at \$150,000-\$300,000
- Minimal public roads; however, roads built to town standards. Project should provide public access on public roads and homes on private drives
- Proposal that demonstrates experience or willingness to work with land trusts and other
  conservation groups to preserve forestland and wetland habitats, structure conservation
  easements and engage with public and private entities to effect conservation outcomes.

## Forest Conservation District Acquisition, Ownership, Zoning and Land Development Requirements

### **Forest Conservation District**

The Property is located in the **Forest Conservation District** in the Town of Bethel. This district was created in 2009 as an outcome of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and is intended to focus on low-density development patterns while ensuring that natural features are conserved. The district only allows for single family detached dwellings. The minimum lot area is five (5) acres. Conservation subdivisions are allowed and other uses such as agriculture, farm operations, and nurseries, recreational facilities (indoor and outdoor), as well as bed and breakfasts are also permitted or require a special use permit.

### Terms of Acquisition and Ownership

Responder should include a proposal to purchase the property from the County as part of the response to this RFP.

Developer will need to demonstrate financial ability to secure the property and complete the development plan. The agreed upon development plan would be exclusive to the Property and must be completed by a mutually agreeable date.

A conservation easement will encumber the Property at the time it is acquired by the developer and prior to commencement of any development. This easement will encumber the undeveloped portion of the property and the developer is encouraged to propose, in its discretion, development of other portions of the property as permitted by the Bethel Zoning Code.

This conservation easement will be held by an eligible entity in accordance with Article 49 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

The development will be single family and will not be governed by a home owners association.

There are neighbors interested in acquiring a 60' wide strip (undevelopable parcel as mentioned previously). The County reserves the right to remove this are from the sale of this parcel.

### **Zoning and Land Development Requirements**

The project site will be designed and developed in accordance with the Town of Bethel Comprehensive Plan and Zoning in addition to the core criteria for conservation development.

Encroachments into wetlands or on steep slopes is prohibited.

Setback, bulk and use requirements as set forth in the Forest Conservation District regulations must be complied. [See Appendix.]

It is the responsibility of the Developer to understand and comply with all permit requirements and regulatory jurisdictions. In addition, the Developer must appear before the Town Planning Board for review and approval and follow all local and state requirements including, but not limited to the NY SEQR process.

Submission Criteria
6 bound copies of the proposal must be postmarked: or received by
An additional copy must be emailed to:

### Proposals should include:

- I. An offer to purchase the property from Sullivan County.
- II. Demonstration of financial resources and past experience financing projects of this type
- III. Identification, Background and Qualifications of Developer / Development Group.
  - Experience with Conservation Development along with information on previous projects undertaken.
  - Key Personnel to be involved with the project and their relevant professional experience
  - Project References: a minimum of three
- IV. A clear and detailed description of the development proposal for the site including:
  - Conservation Development conceptual plan
  - Number of single family residential units proposed \
  - Density of area to be developed [lot sizes]
  - Market price of single family residential units
  - Sketch plan indicating areas of residential development, infrastructure and planned open space protection
  - Plans to accommodate and sustain conservation easement
- V. Proposed project schedule and milestones

Optional site tours are available. While not required, site tours are highly recommended in order to fully understand the unique nature of the project site.

### APPENDIX

Town of Bethel Bulk and Use Table

Maps of Property {Photos available upon request}

Town of Bethel Website: http://www.town.bethel.ny.us/

