

The Town of Bethel Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center meeting room.

Council members present: Lillian Hendrickson
Vicky Simpson
Bernard Cohen
Denise Frangipane

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution to Adopt Negative Declaration for Proposed Local Law #3-13

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE UNDER SEQRA WITH RESPECT TO AN
AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 257 “SEWERS” OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE
TOWN OF BETHEL**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel (“Town Board”) heretofore adopted Chapter 257 (“Sewers”) of the Town Code of the Town of Bethel (the “Town Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that revisions to Chapter 257 of the Town Code (“Sewers”) are desirable and necessary and introduced proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2013 to amend portions of said Chapter 257; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, which declared itself to be lead agency under SEQRA by resolution dated October 16, 2013, determined that the proposed amendment to the Town Code (hereafter, the “action”) is subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL, Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Town prepared a short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) for the proposed amendment of the Town Code, which EAF has been fully reviewed by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the EAF the Town Board reviewed the thresholds for classifying this action as set forth in 6 NYCRR §§ 617.4 and determined that the action constitutes an Unlisted Action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, based upon its review of the EAF, makes the determinations set forth below; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Board determines that according to its review of the EAF there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment as measured against the criteria for determining significance under 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution is a Negative Declaration under SEQRA and the information required by 6 NYCRR § 617.12(a) is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby directs that a copy of this resolution be filed with (a) the Supervisor of the Town of Bethel, (b) the lead agency, (c) any involved agencies, and (d) any person who has requested a copy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Town Board member Denise Frangipane, and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bernie Cohen	Voting	x
Denise Frangipane	Voting	x
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	x
Vicky Simpson	Voting	x
Daniel Sturm	Voting	x

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 13 day of November, 2013.

Audit of Bills

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve the monthly audit of bills, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Nos.</u>
General Fund	152,082.68	3921 - 3988
Highway Fund	161,927.52	2495 - 2528
Sewer Fund	29,342.65	1844 – 1873
Journal	4,386.50	1023 – 1026
Light District	1,729.31	1067 – 1068
Sewer Rehab	58,193.51	1067 - 1068

Supervisor’s Monthly Report

Supervisor’s report for the month of October has been received. Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Highway Budget Modification

<u>Acct Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
DA 3501	State Aid Consolidated Hwy	\$134,092.55	
DA 5112.4	Perm Improve Hwy Contr.		\$134,092.55

Explanation: record receipt of additional chips reimbursement, increase revenues state aid chips, increase the expenditure.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to approve, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Building Department Monthly Report

Building Department report has been received by the Town Supervisor for the month of October as follows:

2013 Oct. Fees: \$9,021.	2012 Oct. Fees: \$3,719.
2013 Construction: \$1,721,800	2012 Oct. Construction: \$950,000

Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to approve 2013-2014 rates for county snow and ice removal contract

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT
FOR THE 2012 – 2015 COUNTY SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT REMOVAL**

The following resolution was duly moved by Lillian Hendrickson, seconded by Denise Frangipane and adopted:

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan and the Town of Bethel entered into contract for Snow and Ice control on County Roads from July 2, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, the contract states the Town will be paid the amount Sullivan County received from the State of New York for snow and ice control on state highways the previous snow and ice season; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan was paid the rate of \$5,496.66 per centerline mile for the 2012 – 2013 contract year; and

WHEREAS, said selection of the Highway Law of the State of New York requires the approval by resolution of each of the legislative bodies of such County, Towns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Sullivan pay the amount of \$5,496.66 per centerline mile for two-lane highways and \$8,244.99 for three-lane highways to the Town for the contract year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Supervisor Daniel Sturm	(X) Yes
Councilman Vicky Simpson	(X) Yes
Councilman Bernard Cohen	(X) Yes
Councilman Lillian Hendrickson	(X) Yes
Councilman Denise Frangipane	(X) Yes

Duly adopted 5 ayes a 0 nays.

Road Agreement for Schoolhouse Road

Road repair agreement has been submitted by Highway Superintendent. School House Road commencing at Route 55 and leading to Hurd & Parks, a distance of 3,250 feet, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$32,245.43.

Type: Cold Mix Pave
Width of travel surface 18' x 3250'
Thickness 2.5
Subbase: original road surface

Motion by Bernie Cohen to approve, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Public Hearing 7:45 p.m. – Proposed Local Law #3-2013

Motion by Vicky Simpson to open Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #3, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0. Town Clerk read legal notice.

Mr. Sturm reviewed law.

Barry Kula asked about the seasonal rate
Mr. Kula likes the permit; should be able to accept more in the future.
Mr. Kula does a bungalow colony pay per unit all year? Or just in the summer?
Mr. Sturm - yes, pays the quarterly rate for seasonal.
Lillian Hendrickson: start with this one company, if we can then accept more.
Mr. Kula suggested a cut-off time so workers don't have to stay passed working hours. Mr. Sturm stated that it is in the permit.
Mr. Kula - How do you determine flow for commercial users if there are no meters? Mr. Sturm – there is a table in the code for the amount of seating.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to close Public Hearing, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to adopt for Local Law #3-2013

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL
ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 257 “SEWERS”
OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel (“Town Board”) heretofore adopted a sewer code, which appears as Chapter 257 of the Town Code of the Town of Bethel (“Sewers”); and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2013, the Town Board introduced Local Law No. 3 of 2013 (a copy of which is attached hereto) to amend the Town Code Chapter 257; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2013 the Town Board also determined that the proposed action was subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), and established itself as lead agency for SEQRA review purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, acting as lead agency under SEQRA, completed all of its obligations under SEQRA and adopted a negative declaration on November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board provided due notice of a public hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2013 by publishing timely notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2013, the Town Board conducted a public hearing during which comments were presented and received in connection with the proposed amendment of the Town Code as set forth in Local Law No. 3 of 2013 and upon its conclusion, closed said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to Chapter 257 of the Town Code provide for the issuance of a septage permit for the disposal of trucked waste at the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District treatment plant and a copy of the form of permit is attached to this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Bethel that Local Law No. 3 of 2013, amending Chapter 257 of the Town Code of the Town of Bethel is hereby adopted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of permit attached to this Resolution is approved for use as a septage permit and said form of permit may be revised from time-to-time upon further Resolution of the Town Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson seconded by Town Board member Denise Frangipane and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bernie Cohen	Voting	x
Denise Frangipane	Voting	x
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	x
Vicky Simpson	Voting	x
Daniel Sturm	Voting	x

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 13th day of November, 2013.

Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Town Clerk's Monthly report for October has been filed with the Town Supervisor.

Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$5,268.80
Non-Local Revenue:	\$2,151.96
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$7,420.76

Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Correspondence Cindi Tegnander

Correspondence has been received from Cindi Tegnander, Hurd Road, thanking the Assessor's Office and the Building Department for their amazing teamwork to get the property near hers cleaned up so quickly. Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Request from Sewer Dept. to attend Wastewater Training

Correspondence has been received from the Sewer Department requesting to attend the Chemical Addition for 6 contact hours for Michael Collins and Jim McBride. Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to approve, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to set 2014 sewer user rates

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN
OF BETHEL TO ESTABLISH SEWER RENTS FOR THE
KAUNEONGA LAKE CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT AND
KAUNEONGA LAKE SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel ("Town Board") heretofore adopted Chapter 257 ("Sewers") of the Town Code of the Town of Bethel (the "Town Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a local law to amend Chapter 257 to provide, among other things, that the sewer rents necessary to provide for the operation and maintenance of and for the payment of debt service for bond obligations for the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District and the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District extension area (together, the "KLSD") may be revised from time to time by resolution of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due notice, conducted a public hearing on October 9, 2013 at which time the public had the opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed amendment of the sewer rents for the KLSD; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed the thresholds for classifying this action to amend the sewer rents as those thresholds are set forth under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") in 6 NYCRR § 617.4 and determined that the action constitutes a Type II Action(as set forth at 6 NYCRR §617.5 [20])and no review under SEQRA is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 257 (Sewers) of the Town Code of the Town of Bethel establishes sewer rents for all users located within the KLSD for the calendar year 2014 as follows:

· As set forth in section 257-34(A) of Chapter 257, all Class I, Class II and Class III users located in the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District, with the exception of Class I bungalow users and Class I seasonal users, shall be charged \$427.32 per EDU annually;

· As set forth in section 257-34(A) of Chapter 257, all Class I bungalow users and Class I seasonal users located in the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District shall be charged \$339.92 per EDU annually;

· PAC facility parcels shall be charged capital debt service costs for the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District extension area as computed in accordance with section 257-35(A)(1) of Chapter 257;

· As set forth in section 257-35(A)(2)(a) of Chapter 257, PAC facility parcels assessed at 90 EDUs for 2014, shall be charged \$132.00 per EDU annually for capital debt service costs of Kauneonga Lake Sewer District;

· As set forth in section 257-35(A)(2)(c) of Chapter 257, PAC facility parcels assessed at 105 EDUs, shall be charged \$295.32 per EDU annually for operation and maintenance costs of Kauneonga Lake Sewer District;

· As set forth in sections 257-35(B) and 257(C) of Chapter 257, all Class I, Class II and Class III users located in the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District extension area, with the exception of the PAC facility parcels referenced above and Class I bungalow users and Class I seasonal users, shall be charged \$600.72 per EDU annually;

· As set forth in sections 257-35(B) and 257(C) of Chapter 257, all Class I bungalow users and Class I seasonal users located in the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District extension area shall be charged \$513.32 per EDU annually;

· For any Class III user located in the KLSD which is subject to a cost allocation factor shall pay the sewer rent as calculated pursuant to section 257-34(A)(4) of Chapter 257; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sewer rents and service charges established in this Resolution are exclusive of any late payment penalties, fines, charges or costs of collection which may be owed by any user; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective when adopted.

Motion by Town Board member Vicky Simpson, seconded by Town Board member Lillian Hendrickson and adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

		<u>AYE</u>
<u>NAY</u>		
Bernie Cohen	Voting	x
Denise Frangipane	Voting	x
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	x
Vicky Simpson	Voting	x
Daniel Sturm	Voting	x

Duly adopted by 5 ayes, 0 nays the 13th day of November, 2013.

Re-appoint member to the Board of Assessment Review

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to re-appoint Richard Conroy to the Board of Assessment Review for a term October 1, 2013 until September 30, 2018, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to Relevy for removal of trash #46.-16-3 (Panaro)

**TOWN OF BETHEL
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE
SPECIAL RELEVY ON THE TOWN OF BETHEL 2014 TAX ROLL FOR
REMOVAL OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel hereby adopts the following resolution to relevy the cost for removal of household waste as authorized by the Town of Bethel Code Chapter 279 Solid Waste,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature relevy the following property in the amount specified on the Town of Bethel 2014 Tax Roll, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file this resolution with the Sullivan County Legislature with the 2014 Budget and the Sullivan County Clerk.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>S-B-L</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Susan Panaro and Robert Benamou P.O. Box 378 Mongaup Valley, NY 12762	46.-16-3	\$2800.

Motion by Denise Frangipane to approve resolution, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to Relevy for engineer report #40.-1-33 (Zgrda)

**TOWN OF BETHEL
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE
SPECIAL RELEVY ON THE TOWN OF BETHEL 2014 TAX ROLL FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel hereby adopts the following resolution to relevy the cost for engineering services as authorized by the Town of Bethel Code Chapter 113, Buildings, Unsafe,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature relevy the following property in the amount specified on the Town of Bethel 2014 Tax Roll, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file this resolution with the Sullivan County Legislature with the 2014 Budget and the Sullivan County Clerk.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>S-B-L</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Suzana Zgrda 3072 Route 55 White Lake, NY 12786	40.-1-33	\$410.74

Motion by Bernie Cohen to approve resolution, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adopt Resolution to Relevy for engineer report #14.-1-17.7 (Otero)

**TOWN OF BETHEL
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE
SPECIAL RELEVY ON THE TOWN OF BETHEL 2014 TAX ROLL FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethel hereby adopts the following resolution to relevy the cost for engineering services as authorized by the Town of Bethel Code Chapter 113, Building, Unsafe,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature relevy the following property in the amount specified on the Town of Bethel 2014 Tax Roll, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file this resolution with the Sullivan County Legislature with the 2014 Budget and the Sullivan County Clerk.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>S-B-L</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Luz Milagros Otero 877 Campo Rico Avenue Country Club, San Juan Puerto Rico 00924	14.-1-17.7	\$391.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to approve resolution, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Adopt Relevy for unpaid Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District

TOWN OF BETHEL

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RELEVY OF UNPAID SEWER RENTS FOR
KAUNEONGA LAKE CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT ON THE 2014 TAX
ROLL**

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel has adopted the following resolution for the relevy of unpaid sewer user charges in the Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel does hereby authorize the Supervisor to transmit to the Sullivan County Legislature for presentation the following list of properties against which there are past due sewer user charges owed to the Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District for 2013,

FURTHER, that the County Legislature relevy as unpaid sewer user charges the sum specified against the properties as identified by section, block and lot number preceding the amount of arrears on the 2014 Tax Roll of the Town of Bethel as attached.

Kauneonga Lake Consolidated Sewer District \$48,345.38

Motion by Denise Frangipane, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson and unanimously adopted this 13th day of November, 2013.

Adopt Relevy for unpaid Kauneonga Lake Route 17B Sewer Extension

TOWN OF BETHEL

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RELEVY OF UNPAID SEWER RENTS FOR KAUNEONGA LAKE SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION ON THE 2014 TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel has adopted the following resolution for the relevy of unpaid sewer user charges in the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Extension,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel does hereby authorize the Supervisor to transmit to the Sullivan County Legislature for presentation the following list of properties against which there are past due sewer user charges owed to the Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Extension for 2013,

FURTHER, that the County Legislature relevy as unpaid sewer user charges the sum specified against the properties as identified by section, block and lot number preceding the amount of arrears on the 2014 Tax Roll of the Town of Bethel as attached.

Kauneonga Lake Sewer District Extension \$4,267.15

Motion by Vicky Simpson, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson and unanimously adopted this 13th day of November, 2013.

Adopt Relevy for unpaid Stevensville Consolidated Water District

TOWN OF BETHEL

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RELEVY OF UNPAID WATER RENTS FOR OUT OF DISTRICT USERS OF THE STEVENSVILLE WATER DISTRICT ON THE 2014 TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel has adopted the following resolution for the relevy of unpaid water rents for out of district users in the Stevensville Water District,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethel does hereby authorize the Supervisor to transmit to the Sullivan County Legislature for presentation the following list of properties against which there are past due water rents owed to the Stevensville Consolidated Water District for 2013,

FURTHER, that the County Legislature relevy as unpaid water rents the sum specified against the properties as identified by section, block and lot number preceding the amount of arrears on the 2014 Tax Roll of the Town of Bethel as attached.

Stevensville Water District \$701.88

Motion by Vicky Simpson, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson and adopted this 13th day of November, 2013.

Correspondence NYS DOT re: 17B Farm signage

Correspondence has been received from the NYS Dept. of Transportation for our request for farm signage on Route 717B. The State will perform a review to assess the current situation. Motion by Bernie Cohen to receive and file, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Notice of Order NYS DOT re: State Road widths

Notice of Order has been received from the NYS Dept. of Transportation designating the entire lengths of NYS Routes 17B, 97, 52, 55 42, and 52A as well as Old Route 17 to permit the use of special dimension vehicles on these highways. Motion by Vicky Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Bethel Motor Speedway Renewal Letter

Bethel Motor Speedway Renewal letter for 2014 season has been received. Motion by Denise Frangipane to receive and file, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Set Public Hearing for Speedway Renewal 12/11 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Vicky Simpson to set up a Public Hearing for December 11, 2013 at 7:45 pm, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Resolution to Adopt Climate Smart Community Pledge

Mr. Sturm read resolution

***Resolution of the Town of Bethel Town Board to adopt
Climate Smart Community Pledge***

Council member Lillian Hendrickson moved and Council member Denise Frangipane seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel (hereinafter, the “Town” or “we”) believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, which is due primarily to the extraction, production and utilization of fossil fuels;

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in January 2008, the Town Board unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the Town’s commitment to promote a sustainable future and implement a plan

of action for the development of sustainable practices, including operating Town facilities in a sustainable manner, decreasing energy needs, increasing energy efficiency, and preserving natural resources, peace and tranquility for economic prosperity and the health of future generations;

WHEREAS, to assist in implementing the goals of the aforesaid resolution, the Town Supervisor appointed an advisory committee, whose efforts culminated in a report, “The Bethel Green Initiative,” outlining proposed strategies and policy changes for the long-term economic and ecologic sustainability of Bethel;

WHEREAS, following a New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) audit in April 2008, the Town undertook many of the energy conservation measures recommended as a result of such audit and joined the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance, all of which were important initial steps in reducing its energy costs; and

WHEREAS, in July 2013, the Town Supervisor designated an advisory committee comprised of local officials and community members to consider the Town’s participation in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s “Climate Smart Communities” initiative, its adoption of this pledge, and additional measures that the Town could take to increase its environmental sustainability and lead the community by example;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bethel Town Clerk will file a certified copy of this resolution with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Climate Change, 625 Broadway, Eighth Floor, Albany, NY 12233

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Bethel, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to a changing climate and reaffirm its commitment to energy conservation and environmental sustainability, will

1. Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community

Set goals to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to predicted climatic changes. Establish a task force of local officials and community members to review the issues and propose a plan of action for consideration by the Town Board. Designate a point person who will oversee climate change initiatives and publicly report on progress. Work cooperatively with similar task forces in neighboring communities to ensure that efforts complement and reinforce one another. As an official signal of commitment and for access to technical resources, sign on to a widespread climate campaign such as the Environmental Protection Agency’s Portfolio Manager or ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability - Climate Protection (“ICLEI”).

2. Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action

Gather data, inventory GHG gas emissions, and establish baselines for local government operations and community sectors. Develop quantifiable interim GHG emission targets consistent with emission reduction goals and propose a schedule and financing strategy to meet them. Encourage stakeholder and public input and develop an action plan. Report emissions to a climate campaign such as The Climate Registry, which has developed a standardized method for reporting emissions inventories; use Portfolio Manager or ICLEI to track and evaluate progress.

3. Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations

Adopt a goal of reducing the Town's energy consumption from 2007 levels by 20% by 2020.

Existing Public Facilities. Inventory current building electricity usage and identify additional opportunities for conservation and efficiency retrofits. Obtain an updated energy assessment from NYSERDA, the New York Power Authority or other professionals. Consider actions such as purchasing energy efficient equipment and appliances, such as ENERGY STAR®; improving lighting, heating, and cooling efficiency; setting thermostats for maximum energy conservation; decreasing plug load from office equipment; and increasing pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems.

New Public Buildings. Achieve the highest practicable U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards or comparable sustainable principles, practices and technologies for all new local government buildings.

Infrastructure. Incorporate energy efficient technologies and operations and maintenance practices into municipal street lighting, traffic signals, and water and wastewater treatment facilities where practicable.

Vehicle Fleet and Commuting. Improve the average fuel efficiency of local government fleet vehicles. Discourage vehicle idling and encourage bicycling, car-pooling and public transit for employees. Consider reducing the number of vehicles, converting fleet vehicles to sustainable alternative fuels, and using electric vehicles where possible.

4. Encourage Renewable Energy for Local Government Operations

Supply as much of the local government's power, heat and hot water needs as possible from solar, wind, and small hydro through purchase or direct generation.

5. Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices

Expand the "reduce, reuse and recycle" approach to waste management in local government operations and in the whole community. Reduce the amount of solid waste generated by promoting backyard composting and educating residents on how to prevent waste. Provide recycling receptacles in local government buildings and outdoor spaces, require duplex printing in government offices, and implement, to the extent feasible, a comprehensive green purchasing program.

6. Promote Climate Protection through Community Land Use Planning

Combat climate change by encouraging low-emissions development that is resilient to climatic changes. When updating land use policies, building codes or community plans continue to advance the goals and objectives of the Town's Comprehensive Plan by including provisions to combat climate change; reduce sprawl; preserve and protect open space, biodiversity, and water supplies; promote compact, transit-oriented, bike able and walkable communities; promote infill development; minimize new development in floodplains and other environmentally sensitive areas; maintain or establish healthy community forests; and promote best forest management practices and encourage tree planting, especially along waterways, to increase shading and to absorb carbon dioxide.

7. Plan for Adaptation to Unavoidable Climate Change

Evaluate risks from unavoidable climate change, set adaptation goals and plan for adaptation. Identify climate change impacts (such as flooding, drought, and extreme temperatures) that could affect the community. Identify areas such as water supply and sewer infrastructure that may be at risk due to sea-level rise and future changes in climate. Factor risks into long-term investments and decision-making. Execute climate

change adaptation and preparedness measures through local government planning, development and operations, giving priority to the highest risk areas.

8. Support a Green Innovation Economy

Identify opportunities to incorporate climate protection, sustainability and environmental goods and service industries into economic development plans. Encourage workforce development training and school curricula that support the emerging green collar job sector, including renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as climate smart solid waste management practices. Procure climate smart goods and services for local government operations as may be feasible and in compliance with applicable laws and policies. Support modernizing of local and national electricity grids.

9. Inform and Inspire the Public

Lead by example. Highlight local government commitment to reducing energy use, saving tax dollars, and adapting to changing conditions. Demonstrate the benefits of energy savings, energy efficiency, and renewable energy projects by hosting open houses; distributing fliers; holding local meetings; working with school districts, colleges, and universities to develop climate change curricula and programs; engaging faith-based communities in climate protection; and regularly communicating community climate protection goals and progress to constituents.

10. Commit to an Evolving Process

Acknowledge that research and policy on climate protection are constantly improving and evolving. Be willing to consider new ideas and commit to update plans and policies as needed. Compare successes, cooperate and collaborate with neighboring communities to redirect less-effective actions and amplify positive results.

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to approve resolution, seconded by Lillian Hendrickson, put to a roll call vote and carried 5-0:

		A YE	N AY
Bernie Cohen	Voting	x	
Denise Frangipane	Voting	x	
Lillian Hendrickson	Voting	x	
Vicky Simpson	Voting	x	
Daniel Sturm	Voting	x	

Adopt-A-Road Application for Fulton Road – Crossman Family

Adopt-A-Road application has been received from the Crossman Family on Fulton Road. Motion by Bernie Cohen to approve, seconded by Denise Frangipane, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Ag Committee Update

Ms. Frangipane announced the next meeting November 19th at 7 p.m.

Ms. Frangipane noted that the Ag Committee members all wants to continue. Ms. Frangipane suggested that the Ag Committee move under BLDC.

Town Board Comments

Mr. Bernie Cohen mentioned that the Veterans would like to list all Bethel Veterans that have served on the monument at Town Square. Getting prices from Ramsay’s.

Mrs. Frangipane noted two BPW recipients should be acknowledged;

Karen Russell, New Hope Community; and Nancy Brey, Brey's Egg Farm.

Motion by Denise Frangipane to send letter to each of the recipients, seconded by Bernie Cohen, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Lillian Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vicky Simpson, put to vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk