

RESOLUTION 2016-109

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO U.S. COAST GUARD PROPOSED RULE 2016-0132

Mayor Smith offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Silverberg and adopted:

WHEREAS the U.S. Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY, to Kingston, NY pursuant to proposed rule 2016-0132; and

WHEREAS such rule would extend significantly the Hudson River Anchorage Ground adjacent to the City of Yonkers, Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Village of Dobbs Ferry, and other locations in order to allow for increased shipping and on-river storage activities; and

WHEREAS numerous identified impacts exist, including the potential for harm to river bottom habitat, harm to protected species, impact on the value of waterfront property, reduction of business activity from tourism, loss of tax revenues, hazards to recreational boaters, the presence of volatile cargo, and the placement of a potential terrorist target adjacent to significant populations; and

WHEREAS the proposal is in direct conflict with 50 years of significant effort to clean up the Hudson River and restore its natural habitats by all levels of government and numerous regional and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS there was no direct notification of the proposed rule made to the Village of Irvington nor any of the affected communities along the length of the Hudson River as required by Federal Coastal Zone Management requirements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington strongly opposes the adoption of U.S. Coast Guard proposed rule 2016-0132 for the reasons cited above; and

FURTHER RESOLVED to urge a comprehensive briefing of elected and public safety officials from all affected river communities in Westchester, such briefing to include additional technical details of the proposal, timelines, and the status of the environmental review under NEPA; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Congressman Eliot Engel, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, County Executive Robert Astorino, and County Legislator Mary Jane Shimsky.

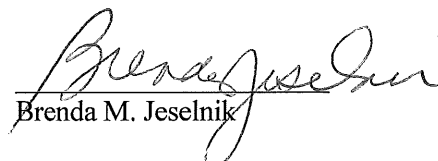
The foregoing resolution was adopted upon roll call as follows:

AYES: Mayor Smith
Trustee Gilliland
Trustee Kehoe
Trustee Silverberg

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Giliberti

The undersigned hereby certifies that set forth is a true and correct resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Irvington, New York adopted on August 15, 2016; and that such resolution has not been amended as of the date of this certificate.


Brenda M. Jeselnik