

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh, held at the Town Hall, 1496 Route 300, in the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York on the 6th day of September, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:

Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor
Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman
Paul I. Ruggiero, Councilman
James E. Presutti, Councilman

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
U.S. COAST GUARD'S ESTABLISHING
NEW ANCHORAGES FOR COMMERCIAL
VESSELS IN THE HUDSON RIVER GROUNDS

Councilman Presutti presented the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Ruggiero.

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it was soliciting comments and concerns from the public on a proposal to establish a large number of anchorage grounds for commercial vessels in the Hudson River that commercial tankers would use as rest stops; and

WHEREAS, the proposed anchorage grounds include but are not limited to a site at Roseton in the Town of Newburgh and additional sites in Newburgh, Milton and Marlborough; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the habitats of some fish have been affected by previous anchorage sites. Vessels containing volatile crude oil and petroleum products pose a serious risk. An anchored boat containing these hazardous materials could catch fire or spill toxic oil in the river. The health of communities that use the Hudson River for drinking water will be threatened. The sites would also take a toll on the scenic beauty of our region; at least three locations would block the view from popular tourist attractions. Moreover, many in our community are concerned about the impact of constant noise, light and smoke from anchored boats, as many of the proposed sites are nearby homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the said proposal would create health, safety environmental and economic problems for Hudson River communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Newburgh Town Board, hereby states its firm and unequivocal opposition to the proposed anchorages and urges the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct public meetings and include this document in the record as a statement of our position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

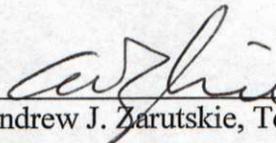
<u>Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Paul I. Ruggiero, Councilman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>James E. Presutti, Councilman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>
<u>Scott Manley, Councilman</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
<u>Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor</u>	<u>voting</u>	<u>AYE</u>

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
TOWN OF NEWBURGH)

I, Andrew J. Zarutskie, Town Clerk of the Town of Newburgh, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Resolution, duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh on the sixth day of September, 2016, and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of said Resolution and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and the seal of said Town on this twenty-eighth day of September, 2016.



Andrew J. Zarutskie, Town Clerk

