

RESOLUTION 9:12 – 11 OF 2016
RESOLUTION FOR HYDE PARK OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED
ANCHORAGES OF COMMERCIAL VESSELS ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER

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, 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, and;

WHEREAS, Hyde Park has already had a significant increase in volume of commerce and anchoring of vessels, and;

WHEREAS, Hyde Park is also an important feeding ground for Sturgeon and the preservation of this endangered species is particularly important, and

WHEREAS, the entire issue of designated anchorages should be reviewed, including Hyde Park, to determine where anchorages would have the least impact on both human and wildlife communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hyde Park 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 as a statement of our position.

MOTION:

SECOND:

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

Councilwoman Svenson	_____
Councilman Ray	_____
Councilman Marrine	_____
Councilman Schneider	_____
Supervisor Rohr	_____