

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pelham Urging the United States Coast Guard to Reject Proposed Rule USCG-2016-0132 in Relation to Hudson River Anchorage Grounds**

**Whereas**, under title 33 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 109.05, U.S. Coast Guard District Commanders are delegated the authority to establish anchorage grounds by Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; and

**Whereas**, in proposed rule USCG-2016-0132, the Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, New York, to Kingston, New York; and

**Whereas**, the Coast Guard is currently accepting public comment on the proposed rule; and

**Whereas**, the designation of these new anchorage grounds, which would become water-based parking areas for commercial barges on the way to and from the ever busier Port of Albany, portends an increase in barge traffic on the Hudson River, with the potential to affect the ecological health of the river and the quality of life of its riverfront communities; and

**Whereas**, such efforts by the Coast Guard would serve to re-industrialize the Hudson River in areas undergoing transformation, coastal revitalization and adaptive reuse more in keeping with stated local long-term waterfront goals and regional initiatives toward Hudson Valley tourism; and

**Whereas**, the establishment of these anchorages will cause noise and light pollution, produce river bed scarring of delicate river bottom habitat through the use of heavy ground tackle and congregate dangerous material, such as crude oil, directly adjacent to the shoreline.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pelham hereby voices its opposition to the proposal by the U.S. Coast Guard to designate 2,400 acres of the Hudson River as anchorage areas for commercial barges along the Hudson River shoreline from Yonkers to Kingston; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pelham does hereby direct that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the United States Congress representing the Village of Pelham.

Motion by: Trustee Mutti                      Seconded by: Trustee Ferrara                      Vote: 6-1

VOTING AYE: Mayor Volpe and Trustees Deere, Kagan, Ferrara, Mutti, and Reinke

ABSENT: None

VOTING NO: Trustee Reim

I, Terri Rouke Village Clerk of the Village Of Pelham, located in Westchester County, New York, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted at a Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village Of Pelham, located in the County of Westchester, New York, held in Village Hall, 195 Sparks Avenue, Pelham, New York, at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at which meeting a quorum was present and participating. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village Of Pelham, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2016.

