

TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 92

DATED OCTOBER 18, 2016

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF RED HOOK TO OFFER COAST GUARD COMMENTS
REGARDING PROPOSED HUDSON RIVER ANCHORAGES

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley from New York City to Albany, including Dutchess County, is a National Heritage Area of extraordinary natural beauty and major historic, cultural, and economic importance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard is soliciting comments and concerns from the public on a proposal to establish over forty commercial tanker berths at ten sites on the Hudson from Yonkers to Kingston; and

WHEREAS, seven of the ten proposed sites are near or adjacent to the Town of Red Hook: Kingston Flats, Port Ewen, Big Rock Point, Milton, Newburgh, Tompkins Point and Montrose Point; and

WHEREAS, the berthing of large oil tankers threatens our drinking water with pollution from oil leaks, creates river bottom "scarring" by anchors and anchor chains, endangers the habitats of wildlife, creates noise and night-time pollution disturbing the peace and tranquility of residents, and destroys the natural scenic beauty of the River and its view shed; and

WHEREAS, history has shown, as in the case of the spill in the Mississippi River in 2014, that clean-up efforts are relatively futile, with 2 percent or less reclamation; and

WHEREAS, decades of industrial pollution and abuse has turned our River, this National Heritage Area, into one of America's largest EPA Superfund sites, stretching from Hudson Falls all the way to New York City; and

WHEREAS, our local governments have spent years fighting to recover, protect, and preserve our vital Hudson River Environment through initiatives including the NY State LWRP/LWRA, the Greenway Compact, comprehensive plans, and land use and zoning law; and

WHEREAS, this proposal risks undoing our efforts and re-industrializing the Hudson River; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Red Hook urges the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct public meetings in the very communities affected by the concerns stated above and to present this document as a statement of our position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Red Hook does not believe that sufficient need exists now or ever to subject our communities to the impacts and risks enumerated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Red Hook strongly recommends that the expansion request be denied in order to protect and preserve this fragile, vital, and historic Hudson River for the benefit of our communities and for the public to whom it belongs.

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook on October 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert McKeon, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

Supervisor Robert McKeon
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilwoman Sarah Imboden
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilman James Ross

ABSENT:

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town

The following resolution was offered by Imboden, seconded by Colgan, to wit;

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

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING: Aye
Councilman William O'Neill	VOTING: Aye
Councilman Harry Colgan	VOTING: Aye
Councilwoman Sarah Imboden	VOTING: Aye
Councilman James M. Ross	VOTING: Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

(1) She is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York (hereinafter called the "Town") and the custodian of the records of the Town, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

(2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 18 day of October, 2016 and entitled:

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(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the Town. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Town and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 19th day of October, 2016.

-SEAL-



Sue McCann
Town Clerk