

**TOWN OF TAGHKANIC  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK  
Resolution #14 - 2020**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, held at Taghkanic Town Hall Taghkanic, New York, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., there were:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Ryan Skoda	Supervisor
	Elizabeth Craig	Board Member
	Kara Gilmore	Board Member
	Linda Swartz	Board Member
	Joyce Thompson	Board Member

**ABSENT:**

Board Member Elizabeth Craig offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town/Village/City/County of Taghkanic (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town/Village/City/County of Taghkanic, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**

- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) **Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

Seconded by **Board Member Linda Swartz** and duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Upon question of the forgoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted as follows:

SUPERVISOR, Ryan Skoda,	voting	<u>  _AYE_  </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Elizabeth Craig	voting	<u>  _AYE_  </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Kara Gilmore,	voting	<u>  _AYE_  </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Linda Swartz,	voting	<u>  _AYE_  </u>
BOARD MEMBER, Joyce Thompson,	voting	<u>  _AYE_  </u>

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Taghkanic.

Dated: November 9, 2020

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Cheryl E. Rogers, Town Clerk  
Town of Taghkanic