

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

JUNE 9, 2015

Committee Members: Supervisors Monroe, Girard, Sokol, Wood, Frasier, Westcott and Strough

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chairman
- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting - *04.01.2015*
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 1. Adirondack Wide Invasive Species Prevention Program Framework Agreement
 2. New York State Constitution Article 14 amendment to create a municipal land bank for utilities, highways, bridges and small projects
 3. Town boundary issues presented by John Salvador
 4. Public Commentary Policy draft prepared by the County Attorney
 5. Referral from the Public Safety Committee requesting action urging the County's Legislative representatives to seek for the expenses associated with river gauges to be funded on a Federal level
 6. Legislation forwarded by Wyoming County in support of New York State Senate Bill S.4240 and New York State Assembly Bill A.6245 (*amending county law in relation to community and economic vitality, nutrition and healthy families and 4-H/youth development under a form of organization and administration approved by Cornell University*)
 7. Legislation forwarded by Fulton County requesting the Governor and State Legislature to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow all terrain vehicles up to 1,500 pounds to be registered
 8. Legislation forwarded by Fulton County requesting the Governor and State Legislature to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law regarding designation of highways and travel by all terrain vehicles
- IV. Referrals/Pending Items:

None.
- V. Discussion Items:

None.
- VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee
- VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments:

1. Adirondack Wide Invasive Species Prevention Program Framework Agreement document (*Agenda Item III-1*)
2. Public Commentary Policy (*Agenda Item III-4*)
3. Section of the minutes from the May 26, 2015 Public Safety Committee meeting pertaining to funding for the Schroon River gauge and memo from the Office of Emergency Services referring to same (*Agenda Item III-5*)
4. Wyoming County Resolution No. 15-198 (*Agenda Item III-6*)
5. Fulton County Resolution No. 119 of 2015 (*Agenda Item III-7*)
6. Fulton County Resolution No. 120 of 2015 (*Agenda Item III-8*)

Framework Agreement to Establish an Adirondack Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program

I. Preamble

- Passage from Governor's State of the State written remarks: "Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species in the Adirondacks - The economic future of the Adirondacks is intrinsically linked to the health of its water bodies and forests. Invasive species, which, if allowed to spread, could cost the Adirondack economy up to \$900 million, primarily due to property value loss, and could spoil the positive economic trend in the Adirondacks and around the state. To protect the Adirondacks from over 125 encroaching aquatic nonnative and invasive 125 species, the DEC will work in partnership with local governments, environmental groups, lake associations, and community organizations to develop an Adirondacks aquatic invasive species spread prevention strategy, using seed money provided from the proposed increase to the 2015-16 Environmental Protection Fund."
- Reference to intent and signatories of MOU.

II. Program purpose, goal, and objectives

- Purpose: Establish a region-wide aquatic invasive species prevention program that protects water quality, public enjoyment and economic value to the maximum extent practicable to reduce or stop the introduction of new and the spread of existing aquatic invasive species in Adirondack waters through a comprehensive voluntary boat inspection and decontamination system ("Platinum level as described in the recently finalized white paper "Boat Inspection and Decontamination for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention: Recommendations for the Adirondack Region") that applies latest tools and best practices for success.
- Goal: Effective development and implementation of this Framework Agreement as outlined will ensure the Adirondack Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program serves as a working demonstration of partnership and commitment, where both the process and program provide a model of what is required to prevent aquatic invasive species from permanently degrading natural waterways and the economic vitality that depends upon their continued health.
- Objectives:
 - Provide skilled labor jobs across the region for trained inspectors, decontamination technicians, boat launch stewards and educators, both seasonal and year-round, on a sustaining basis.
 - Create a gateway inspection/decontamination infrastructure around the periphery of the Adirondack Park along all major travel corridors

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used by trailered boats, especially those transporting boats from high risk regions outside the Park possessing waters with high numbers of invasives, including the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River, Lake Champlain, the Finger Lakes, and the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers,

- o Create an internal network of inspection/decontamination facilities within the Park along high traffic roads, within close proximity to high traffic boat launches, and at key interception points of known invasion spread hubs and linkage lakes (spread prevention hubs) (as described in previously stated white paper) to stem cross-contamination from one water body to another while also "catching" trailered boats not inspected at a gateway facility,
- o Expand boat launch stewardship capacity and coverage, for all launches that are not covered directly by decontamination infrastructure, to conduct visual inspections of boats upon entry and exit that may be missed by the network of decontamination facilities, remove tags from watercraft that have moved successfully through the decontamination network, and direct boaters to the nearest decontamination facilities when inspections fail. Stewards will also educate boaters on the threats of AIS, the "clean, drained and dry" approach, and promote lake stewardship.
- o Establish a regional system for tagging and registering inspected/decontaminated and frozen boats (applying the LGPC's successful, volunteer led, frozen boats approach that offers an efficient and verifiable form of "self certification") that provides for easy identification and data collection, and makes the prevention program more convenient to boaters,
- o Conduct an extensive outreach and education campaign surrounding the program to reach the widest possible number of boaters and encourage them to arrive "clean, drained, and dry" as will be required by law starting in September 2015 and, if they cannot do so, to have their trailered boats inspected/ decontaminated before launching,
- o Provide skilled labor jobs across the region for trained inspectors, stewards and educators, both seasonal and year-round, on a sustaining basis,
- o Erect consistent signage and billboards in strategic locations at boat launches and along both peripheral and interior roadways in collaboration with appropriate State agencies to inform boaters on both the threat of invasive species and prevention methods, encouraging a "clean, drained and dry" standard for transport and launching of watercraft and to direct having boaters towards

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inspection/decontamination infrastructure to protect our Adirondack waters.

- o **Establish a matching grants program** for public and private entities in the region to support purchase of decontamination stations and associated personnel costs and/or staff additional boat launch stewards,
- o **Create and promote a dedicated public contributions program** that parallels outreach and education activities and provides additional revenues to support program implementation,
- o **Raise a budget sufficient to operate** 25 to 30 boat decontamination stations and staff regional boat launch stewards including site preparation, training, and annual operating expenses.

III. **Implementation provisions**

- o Establish an advisory committee of collaborating public and private entities to assist in implementation and to ensure objectives are effectively met. Committee members (total from 12 to 15) will include representatives of State agencies, regional invasive species programs, municipal and county governments, soil and water conservation districts, lake associations, and sporting, conservation, and recreation groups. The committee will be co-chaired by one state and one regional official,
- o Purchase and deploy 25 to 30 decontamination stations at identified gateway and interior locations that use heated, high pressure water to wash boats and trailers,
- o Train, assign and manage the required number of inspectors to operate inspection/decontamination facilities 7 days/week, from ice out to ice in,
- o Train, assign and manage the necessary number of boat launch stewards for regional coverage 7 days/week, from ice out to ice in.
- o Generate and implement Advisory Committee recommendations for outreach, education, signage, grant and funding programs, as well as direct incentives to maximizing participation by boaters.

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IV. **Phasing and financing**

- o **2015:**
 - o Purchase and deploy at least 9 decontamination stations in high priority gateway and interior locations, with a strong emphasis on preventing the introduction of new aquatic invasives from outside the region and the spread of existing aquatic invasives already present within the region—

recognizing that, as experienced in many locations, providing the necessary means for full inspection *and* decontamination is paramount,

- In addition to the 9 stations initially deployed, support opportunities for siting additional decontamination stations in priority locations applying identified public and private sources of funding from the region. These stations may include siting at locations slated for AIS stewards,
- Train, assign, and manage at least 22 the requisite number of personnel boat inspection technicians to operate inspection/decontamination facilities at least 40 hours a week during periods of highest activity from June through mid-September-7 days/week from ice-out to ice-in (dates will vary across region),
- Train, assign, and manage at least 14 additional boat launch stewards funded through the EPF and at least 34 funded through various other sources to expand regional coverage at Adirondack launches
- Establish Advisory Committee to represent the principal public and private interests as described in item III and commence monthly meetings,
- Initiate education and outreach on program and AIS prevention, employing and coordinating to the fullest possible extent the resources and networks of all entities signing on to the MOU that called for program establishment,
- Develop Advisory Committee recommendations for systematic education, outreach, and signage,
- Develop Advisory Committee recommendations for matching grant and cooperative funding programs, as well as direct incentives (tax incentives, reduced registration fees, AIS "prevention/pre-emption zones"-for source locations where AIS originate, specified prevention programming as prerequisite for remediation funding, etc.) to maximize participation by boaters in 2016,
- Collect data from boaters on program effectiveness—number of boats/trailers inspected/decontaminated, number of invasives identified/caught, estimated number of boats/trailers not inspected/decontaminated, extent of public support/lack of support, etc.
- Finance and manage a budget of about \$1.05 million to administer program elements.
- 2016:
 - Purchase and deploy additional boat launch stewards and inspection/decontamination stations needed to augment 2015 locations

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and strengthen the overall program based on steward data identifying high risk water bodies and high traffic areas,

- Relocate as needed already established stations to optimize effectiveness,
- Train necessary number of stewards and inspection/decontamination personnel to operate additional facilities and boat launches with all facilities operating 7 days/week from ice out to ice in,
- Advance and expand education, outreach, and signage for program as recommended by Advisory Committee, based in part on relevant first year data collection findings,
- Implement matching grant and cooperative funding programs for boat launch stewards and boat inspection/decontamination infrastructure at priority locations to augment State funding obligations and generate est. \$500,000 from public/private regional entities,
- Implement and promote recommended direct incentives of Advisory Committee for maximizing participation by boaters.
- Continue collecting and analyzing data as well as program effectiveness; modify program provisions as necessary to realize program purpose.
- Finance and manage a total budget of est. \$1.6 million to \$2.5 million for 2016.

V. **Roles to be served by respective public and private entities**

- Membership/participation of Advisory Committee to oversee program development and administration.
 - **State agencies** (DEC, DOT, OPR, LGPC, etc): Provide State leadership and coordination, assign and manage personnel (permanent and seasonal) to participate as appropriate—training, education, inspection, maintenance, and enforcement,
 - **Regional Invasive Species Programs (APIPP, AWI, LCBP, etc)**: Provide technical expertise, oversight, and regional invasive species coordination. Manage personnel to participate as appropriate – training, education, inspection/decontamination and stewardship
 - **Municipal and County Governments** (including soil and water conservation districts): Provide regional/local leadership and coordinated governance, participate in and administer public matching grant/cooperative funding programs and direct incentives, provide seasonal personnel, maintain facilities, conduct education and outreach,

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- **Lake Associations and Landowner Organizations**: Participate in and administer private matching grant/cooperative funding programs, conduct education and outreach, provide paid and volunteer personnel,
- **Sporting, Conservation, and Recreation groups**: Conduct education and outreach, raise and contribute to matching grants program, provide volunteer personnel,
- **Academic/research**: Train inspectors, perform data collection and analysis, research water vulnerability to AIS, conduct education and outreach, provide interns and volunteers,

Agreed to and signed by:

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS AND
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

- (a) The people's right to witness and observe the governmental decision-making process in action is fundamental to our society and to maintaining the integrity of governmental decision-making processes. Access to public portions of meetings of the Warren County Board of Supervisors must be fostered, protected and maintained.

- (b) The Board of Supervisors adopts these rules and procedures in order to provide direction concerning the procedures by which the public may provide comment during regular or special meetings of the Board of Supervisors, Board of Supervisors Committee meetings and public hearings of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2. REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As provided herein, public comment during a regular or special meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be allowed during the following periods:

- 1. During discussion and public comment on proposed Resolutions item as appearing on the agenda.

- 2. During the privilege of the floor item as appearing on the agenda.

- 3. During a public hearing.

- 4. At the absolute discretion of the Chairperson following a scheduled presentation to the Board of Supervisors as appearing on the meeting agenda.

- 5. Such other times as within the absolute discretion of the Chairperson.

SECTION 3. PRESENTATIONS AT REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

When an individual, group or association will be making a presentation to the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors Committee, the Chairperson shall designate the amount of time allowed for the presentation. Generally, the time allowed for the presentation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.

SECTION 4. REGULAR AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

As provided for herein, public comment during a regular or special Committee meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be allowed during the following periods:

1. During a public comment period provided such comment period appears on the meeting agenda.
2. At the absolute discretion of the Chairperson following a scheduled presentation to the Committee as appears on the meeting agenda.
3. Such other times as within the absolute discretion of the Chairperson.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - TIME LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (a) Generally, comments by speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. However, based upon the perceived or expressed level of public interest in a particular matter, the Chairperson, may, in his or her absolute discretion increase the time period. In all instances, the Chairperson shall have the authority and discretion to adjust speaking time limits as the Chairperson deems appropriate and necessary. Depending upon the length of a meeting or public hearing and the perceived or actual level of public interest in the subject matter, the Chairperson may allow for additional comment by an individual who has previously provided comment during the same meeting or public hearing on the subject matter. In order to request an additional opportunity to provide comment the individual must first be recognized by the Chairperson. The individual will then approach the podium and state for the record the subject matter for which they desire to make additional public comment. In all instances, the Chairperson shall have absolute discretion to allow or disallow the additional public comment. Any additional public comment must be relevant and material to the subject matter of the meeting or public hearing and shall not be repetitive or redundant of comment previously provided.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Chairperson may, at any time, recognize or call upon a Supervisor and/or Department Head to answer questions or provide comment. The Chairperson shall in his or her absolute authority and discretion determine the length of the time for which the Supervisor and/or Department Head shall be recognized.
- (c) No person may assign their comments or time period to speak to another person.

SECTION 6. ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

A person desiring to make a public comment shall raise their hand and request to be recognized by the Chairperson. When called upon by the Chairperson the individual

shall approach the podium and state for the record their name and address and immediately proceed to making the public comment.

SECTION 7. DECORUM AND ETIQUETTE:

- (a) In order to maintain proper order and decorum during any meeting including a public hearing, a person who makes a rude or vulgar comment or engages boisterous or disruptive behavior, or who is unruly may, at the absolute discretion of the Chairperson be removed from the meeting or public hearing and may only return upon permission of the Chairperson. No member of the public shall interrupt a person who is making a public comment at the podium or who has otherwise been recognized by the Chairperson to make a public comment.

SECTION 8 SEVERABILITY:

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of these rules and procedures shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of these rules and procedures, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted by Resolution No. _____ of 2015
on _____, 2015.

Mr. LaFlure announced Agenda Item 3 included a request to establish a new contract with the USGS (*United States Geological Survey*) to continue use of the USGS river gauge on Schroon River at a cost not to exceed \$6,200 annually. He explained that this gauge has been used for a number of years; however, he said, one of the other organizations that had been paying part of the operational costs was no longer doing so. Mr. LaFlure further apprised that the County had two opportunities in this case, those being that they could either provide funding for continued operation of the gauge, or they could choose to relinquish all use. He stated that the USGS Schroon River gauge was very important to the County, especially for the Towns of Horicon, Chester and Warrensburg, and he felt it was essential for the County to provide funds to continue use of the gauge. Mr. LaFlure indicated that the USGS paid for 20% of the operation costs and he noted that the NYSDOT (*New York State Department of Transportation*) providing funding, as well. He said monies provided by the County would support the electrical costs and the communication facets necessary to receive information from the gauge. Mr. LaFlure advised that the data garnered from the gauge was important for flood information, as well as for the predictions received from the National Weather Service. He commented that although the County had not been required to pay for use of the gauge in the past, it appeared that they would now have to do so if they desired to continue such use. Mr. LaFlure pointed out that Agenda Item 4 consisted of a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,800 from the Contingent Account, A.1990 469, to fund the use of the gauge for the months of July-December, 2015.

In response to Mr. Simpson's request for clarification on the cost of the contract, Mr. LaFlure advised the total annual cost for operation of the gauge was \$6,600, from which they would need to deduct 20% for the USGS portion, then divide the balance in half for the remainder of the year. He noted that the previous funding source would cease on July 1st, so the County would need to provide funding beginning on that date in order to prevent any loss of connectivity.

Chairman Geraghty questioned why the USGS had ceased funding the gauge and Mr. LaFlure responded that the USGS had not stopped providing funding; he clarified that it was actually the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District that had decided to discontinue their funding. Mr. LaFlure explained the gauge was not involved with any dams and was located completely within Warren County which seemed to relay the responsibility to Warren County. Mr. Monroe commented that many years ago he recalled receiving information indicating that this gauge was fully funded by the USGS and he suggested that they make contact with the USGS to request that such funding be resumed. Amy Hirsch, *Deputy Director of the OES*, noted that less than five years ago the Federal Government had stopped funding several things, including a number of USGS river gauges. She added that many of these gauges had been shut down due to a lack of funding and while there was a possibility that the Schroon River gauge could be shut down, as well, so far there was no talk of dismantling the location because NYSDOT was still collecting their eight-week readings; however, she stated, if the County or another entity did not come forward to pay the remaining 80% of the costs, they would no longer receive readings from the gauge, nor would the National Weather Service who provided prediction information relative to water heights. Mr. Monroe commented that he believed the County should fund this expense, but he also suggested that this issue be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee in order to contact the County's Legislative representatives and urge that the expenses associated with river gauges be Federally funded. Mr. LaFlure pointed out that because the Schroon River gauge was located in Warren County and on a body of water that completely resided within the County, there was really no other entity seeking the readings. He continued that if Warren County assumed the costs of operation they would have some vested ownership interest in the Schroon River gauge, allowing them to provide an opinion if another party sought to remove the gauge.

Mr. Taylor opined that he saw no other option than to provide funding for the gauge, as requested, and he questioned from what source the funding for this expense would be provided. Mr. LaFlure responded that because the cost had not been accounted for in the 2015 Budget, a transfer from the Contingent Account was requested; he added that the full expense would be included in the 2016 Budget request.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract with the USGS, as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board Meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

It was the consensus of the Committee that this issue should be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee to seek action urging the County's Legislative representatives to seek for the expense of this and other river gauges to be funded on a Federal level.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,800 from the Contingent Account, A.1990 69, to Budget Code A.3640 470, *Civil Defense, Contract*, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

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Riverbank stream gage on the Schroon River.

Here is the cost breakdown of the annual O&M for the Schroon River stream gage that we discussed yesterday along with some additional information that may be helpful. The USGS may be able to match up to 20% of the cost. Please call me or Gary Wall (518-285-5621) if you have questions or need additional info.

Stage (not published):	\$3,690.....data available on web for past 120 days.
GOES satellite telemetry;	\$2,300.....15-min data transmitted hourly and about 20-min at NWS Flood Stage.
<u>electric service:</u>	<u>\$ 670.....to prevent stilling well from freezing during Winter months.</u>
TOTAL:	\$6,660

USGS has a robust Nationwide network that has redundant satellite telemetry downlinks, mirrored internet gateways across the Nation, and all future maintenance, repairs, and instrument upgrades would be covered under the annual O&M costs. When flooding occurs, USGS deploys crews to measure the impact, make sure the streamgages are operating correctly, and work closely with the National Weather Service to provide for flood warning at their flood forecast points. As you know, USGS real-time streamgages can also send an email or text message to alert you when a river level (that you specify) is reached (or any real-time parameter measured at a site). It will also alert you when there are equipment issues (<http://water.usgs.gov/wateralert/>). Additional information regarding USGS streamgage operation and maintenance costs can be found at: (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2010/3025/pdf/fs2010-3025.pdf>).

--Jerry

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-198
(May 12, 2015)

By Mr. Brick, Chairman of Agriculture Committee:

RESOLUTION OF THE WYOMING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.4240 AND
NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.6425

WHEREAS, New York State Senate Bill S.4240 and New York State Assembly Bill A.6425, *AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to community and economic vitality, nutrition and healthy families, and 4-H/youth development under a form of organization and administration approved by Cornell University*, calls for an update to the mission of Cornell Cooperative Extensions, eliminating the outdated term, "home economics" and focusing on economic and community vitality, nutrition, healthy families, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, This statutory change would specifically recognize youth development and 4-H as a mission for Cornell Cooperative Extensions; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extensions in New York are unique, in that much of its funding depends upon strong support from fiscally strapped county governments. The proposed bill would specify that any additional state appropriations would be distributed in a proportionate share to the local county's appropriations. This change would not require the county government to increase its own share of support for the local Extension, but continues to maintain an incentive for counties to maximize their share of state resources available under county law 224 through providing a robust local share; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors hereby urges that State Legislature and New York State Governor, Andrew Cuomo to pass Senate bill S.4240, and New York State Assembly bill A.6425; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk to this Board shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan and New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro, New York State Association of Counties and Inter County Association of Western New York.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1599 Noes: Absent: Abstain:

WYOMING COUNTY]
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS]
Warsaw, N.Y.]



This is to Certify, that I, the undersigned Clerk to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wyoming, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office and which was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the said County, on the 12th day of May, 2015, a majority of all the members elected to the Board voted in favor thereof, and that the same is correct and true of such original resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Board of Supervisors, this the 12th day of May, 2015.

Cheryl V. Ketchum
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 119

Supervisor POTTER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO
AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW TO ALLOW ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES UP
TO 1,500 POUNDS TO BE REGISTERED**

WHEREAS, an all terrain side-by-side seating vehicle has been developed by All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) manufactures, referred to as a Utility Task Vehicle (UTV); and

WHEREAS, this vehicle is better suited for the elderly, handicapped and less active riders because it allows two people to ride side-by-side; and

WHEREAS, the current Vehicle and Traffic Law allows only ATV's weighing up to 1,000 pounds to be registered, but will not allow UTV's to be registered because they weigh more than 1,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Local Government Review Board and the Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks believe that the ATV weight limit for registration should be raised to 1,500 pounds to accommodate the registration of UTV's; and

WHEREAS, the ability to register ATV/UTV weighing up to 1,500 pounds and ride them on multiuse trail systems will provide significant economic benefits to local businesses, towns, counties and New York State; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Fulton County Board of Supervisors hereby supports state legislation (S.1792A/A.01951) to raise the defined weight of an all terrain vehicle (ATV) to 1,500 pounds of dry weight; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Dean Skelos, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Hugh Farley, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, DEC Region 5 Director Bob Stegemann, NYSDEC Commissioner Joseph Martens, the Twelve Counties of the Adirondacks, Adirondack Park Agency, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor HANDY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Born, Callery and Howard)

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF FULTON } ss:

I, Jon R. Stead, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 13th day of APRIL 2015, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal
this 13th day of APRIL 2015


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County

Resolution No. 120

Supervisor POTTER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO
AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW REGARDING DESIGNATION OF
HIGHWAYS AND TRAVEL BY ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

WHEREAS, All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riding is a popular activity in New York State; and

WHEREAS, many towns and counties in the Adirondacks and across New York State have developed, or are developing multiuse trail systems open to ATV's; and

WHEREAS, these trail systems are important to rural economies that are dependent on tourism and increase revenue streams for local, county and state government; and

WHEREAS, an "otherwise impossible" restriction in current Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 2405, does not allow towns and counties the flexibility to open roads to adjoining trail systems and lands for completion of trail systems; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board has asked the Fulton County Board of Supervisors to support state legislation to amend NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow localities the ability to connect trail systems and facilitate travel by All Terrain Vehicles; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Governor and the State Legislature to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to provide local governments with increased authority to designate roads open for ATV and UTV use as they deem necessary by deleting the "otherwise impossible" restriction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Governor Cuomo, Senator Dean Skelos, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Hugh Farley, Assemblyman Marc Butler, DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, DEC Region 5 Director Bob Stegemann, the Twelve Counties of the Adirondacks, Adirondack Park Agency, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

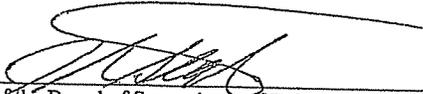
Seconded by Supervisor WALDRON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Born, Callery and Howard)

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF FULTON } ss:

I, Jon R. Stead, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 13th day of APRIL 2015, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal
this 13th day of APRIL 2015


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County