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RESOLUTION NO. 62, 1999

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR MEETING**

August 12, 1999

**RESOLUTION URGING EPA TO SUBMIT BOTH ITS AND GE'S
MODEL TO SIMULTANEOUS, INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW**

WHEREAS, citizens, the community and the agricultural, tourism and recreational resources of the Town of Fort Edward are directly affected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's reassessment of PCB's in the Hudson River, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hoosick has closely monitored EPA's performance and, in view of the potentially grave consequences of its decision, has urged EPA to rely on the soundest scientific principles and the most valid data analyses, and

WHEREAS, the EPA and the General Electric Co. each have recently developed computerized models to simulate river dynamics and forecast future progress in the river's recovery, and

WHEREAS, these computer models are likely to be the best available quantitative tools on which to base future policy decisions about the river, and

WHEREAS, the models both predict future recovery for the river but differ as to the time that recovery will take, and

WHEREAS, the inadvertent use of inaccurate, outdated or misinterpreted data could lead EPA to order an unnecessary and destructive dredging and dumping project with serious, long-term environmental, social and economic damage to Town of Hoosick and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, an open public process designed to narrow and reconcile the technical differences between the two models can reduce the risk of error and help foster a higher level of public confidence in EPA's ability to make the correct decision, and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Sweeney has announced his intention to send both models for thorough review by an independent panel of scientists convened by the General Accounting Office, and

WHEREAS, EPA has refused repeated requests to agree to a simultaneous scientific peer review of both its model and the GE model by qualified independent experts, and

WHEREAS, EPA nevertheless plans to use the projections from its model in the development of ecological and human health reports even before its model has been examined by independent scientists, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hoosick urges EPA to reverse its opposition and promptly submit both its model and the GE model to independent peer review simultaneously, before any model projections are used as the basis for any other Hudson River reports, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the simultaneous peer review be conducted at an open public meeting with full opportunity for public comment and discussion by the citizens and elected officials of the Town of Hoosick and other interested parties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to U.S. EPA Administrator Carol Browner, Regional EPA Administrator Jeanne Fox, U.S. Sens. Moynihan and Schumer, Gov. Pataki, Congressman Sweeney, our State legislators, and the chief elected official of all municipalities in Warren, Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties with a request for their support of this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Clemente and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN SALVI	VOTING <u>Absent</u>
COUNCILMAN TARBOX	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
COUNCILMAN CLEMENTE	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
COUNCILMAN POLETO	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing Resolution was ~~(was not)~~ thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: August 12, 1999