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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING contd.NOVEMBER 5, 1998COMPTROLLER'S REPORT contd.6. 1998 Audit Services

The Comptroller provided the board with an analysis of the RFP's received for our 1998 audit services. Cusack and Company had the "highest technical score primarily due to high level of experienced personnel that they propose to use for the field work; they also had the lowest price quote."

The supervisor asked for a motion and a second to accept the proposal from this firm. Councilman Yellen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #276

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the proposal from Cusack and Company to provide audit services to the town for 1998 at \$5,950.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Councilman Johnson, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all board members voting in favor.

7. Conference & Education (Computer Training Classes)

Councilman Fleming offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION #277

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the conference and education requests submitted by the Tax Collector for "Intro to Windows 95" at ACC on 11/5/1998 at a cost of \$75, by the Highway Clerk for "Microsoft Excel" on 12/5/98 at IKON and by the Town Comptroller for "Microsoft Excel" on 12/2/98 at IKON.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Councilman Cannone, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all board members voting in favor.

EPA 160 Square Mile Dump Zone (along the Hudson River)

Supervisor McDonald asked the board to adopt a resolution opposing the creation of this dump zone along the Hudson. Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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**Resolution Opposing 160-Square-Mile Dump Zone
Along Hudson River in
Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties**

WHEREAS, the (Town/Village/City Board) of the (Town/Village/City) of WILTON has previously expressed its steadfast opposition to the establishment of a PCB landfill necessitated by a Hudson River dredging project, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reassessing its 1984 decision not to dredge the Hudson River and has released several documents that suggest the Agency may be preparing to reverse its position and order dredging, and

WHEREAS, in the Scope of Work for its upcoming Feasibility Study, EPA has just created a 160-square-mile federal dump zone along the Hudson River between Hudson Falls and Troy by redefining the term "on-site" as it relates to dredging projects to mean "a corridor including the Upper River and extending two miles from either bank," and

WHEREAS, EPA originally listed the Hudson River Superfund site as including only the river itself, not any adjacent lands, and

WHEREAS, this zone, 40 miles long and 4 miles wide, encompasses more than 100,000 acres of land within two miles of either bank of the Hudson and includes hundreds of private properties in Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties, and

WHEREAS, by creating this zone, EPA appears to be preparing to use a loophole in the federal Superfund law to get around the need for New York State and/or local reviews and permits to site a massive dump to hold river sludge — permit reviews that stopped the two prior Hudson River dredge-and-dump projects, and

WHEREAS, EPA did not inform the public, elected officials or the news media of its latest plan to circumvent local and state approval, and

WHEREAS, EPA refused to explain the need for a 160-square-mile dump zone from Fort Edward to the Troy Dam, and

WHEREAS, a sludge dump, which is unnecessary, permanent and very damaging, is the stigma no community wants, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the (Town, Village/City) Board hereby announces its complete opposition to EPA's attempts to circumvent local and state environmental laws that are designed to protect local communities by creating a new definition for the Hudson River Superfund site, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the (Town, Village, City) Board hereby demands that EPA discontinue its unwarranted attempt to create a 160-square-mile dump zone along both banks of the Upper Hudson River, and hereby transmits notice of such opposition and demand, in writing, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner; Region II USEPA Administrator Jeanne M. Fox; U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato; U.S. Rep. Gerald B. Solomon; New York Governor George E. Pataki; New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Cahill; New York State Sen. Ronald B. Stafford; New York State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea; New York State Assemblywoman Elizabeth O. Little; Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman Peter Telisky, and Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Jean Raymond, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the (Town, Village, City) Board urges its federal and state representatives and local government colleagues in other communities that fall within this newly-classified landfill zone to join in support of the (Town, Village, City)'s effort to prevent an expansion of the Hudson River Superfund site.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Councilman Fleming, duly put to a vote and the resolution was declared adopted with all board members voting in favor.

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