Town of Clinton

Resolution No. 18 of 2024

Climate Change Education and Engagement Resolution

WHEREAS the Town of Clinton 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 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 the Town of Clinton believes 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 innovative economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS the Town of Clinton has taken the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in 2017; and

WHEREAS the Town of Clinton believes 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 the Town of Clinton, in order to continue its work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge Element 9, Climate Change Education and Engagement and commits to partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess to develop a webpage for the Town website addressing climate change emergencies by presenting information, photographs, resources, and links for residents and by hosting up to 12 social media posts to inform Town residents of this new resource.

DATED: April 9, 2024

Carol-Jean Mackin,

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Town Clerk