

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 27
Via Zoom Video Conference
November 15, 2021
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT via in person or via Zoom Video Conference: Mayor Butler presiding; Trustees: Brown, Hoyt, Kim, McGovern, Rinaldi and Zollo; Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Attorney Kathy Zalantis; Treasurer Hart and Village Clerk Gilligan

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On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Kim, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

Authorization for the Village of Tarrytown to Act as Lead Agency in coordination with Scenic Hudson, Westchester County and other cooperating government agencies on the Cross-Metro North Pedestrian Bridge

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown, Scenic Hudson, Westchester County and the New York State Thruway Authority have been working cooperatively for several years to prepare a conceptual plan for the creation of a connecting pedestrian and bicycle path over the Metro North Hudson Line railroad tracks that would connect ends of RiverWalk near Losee Park heading south to the Van Wart Avenue trailhead and up to the Bridge's shared use path (SUP); and

WHEREAS, connecting RiverWalk to Westchester's emerging system of regional trails, including the SUP across the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, as well as to the nearby Old Croton Aqueduct (OCA), and in the future, possible bicycle trails/dedicated lanes that will expand the trail system in Tarrytown and in the neighboring River Towns has economic, tourism, transportation and quality of life benefits to the area and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would close a final remaining gap in the connection in the RiverWalk in Westchester County in the three-village area (Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Irvington) thereby leveraging prior investments that have completed existing segments in these communities; and

WHEREAS, once completed, this trail will provide a walking/biking link between important Westchester historic sites such as Lyndhurst, Sunnyside, Kykuit and Phillipsburg Manor, and would greatly benefit walkers and bicyclists using the SUP over the Bridge from Rockland County, providing them with safe access to the RiverWalk trail on the Westchester side of the river; and

WHEREAS, the RiverWalk connection is more than a trail project, since it would also serve as an important multi-modal transportation and tourism connection between the

SUP, the OCA, the Tarrytown Waterfront and Metro North rail service at the Tarrytown Station, Bee Line bus service throughout the County, the Lower Hudson Transit Link (LHTL) bus line and local emerging trail systems in Irvington, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County Executive George Latimer has included a proposal for \$1.3 million in its 2022 Capital Budget intended to co-fund the Environmental Review, with the balance of funding to come from grants, state agencies and/or other funding sources, so that this review can be conducted at no cost to the Village, and Scenic Hudson has committed to hire an owner's rep to serve as project manager for the project, thereby minimizing any burden on staff time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown authorizes the Village of Tarrytown to Act as Lead Agency in the Environmental Review for the extension of the Westchester RiverWalk from Green Street near Losee Park, going beneath the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, up to its Shared Use Path, and proceeding south to connect to the existing segment of the RiverWalk south of the Bridge, and authorizes the Village Administrator and other involved village staff to take the necessary and appropriate actions to proceed with this project at the appropriate time.

Roll Call: Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Trustee Kim, Yes, Deputy Mayor McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

I, Kristine Gilligan, the undersigned Village Clerk, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.



Kristine Gilligan, Village Clerk

Dated: November 17, 2021

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