

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

A Message from Our President

The festivals are over and the harbor has been put into winter storage. We have a chance to catch our breath and turn our attention to other matters. The club has been discussing the direction to go toward getting our sailing program back on the water. At the end of the October meeting, a straw poll was taken that showed strong support for continuing our sailing program, with a wooden boat. At this time we are exploring a possible course of action that could include increased community involvement in the project. Come to the December meeting to find out more.

With the result of the recent general election, we can expect to get busy on other fronts. Barbara Boxer will lose the chairmanship of the Senate Environmental committee. The new chairman has described climate change as a fraud. We can expect changes in the Senate's attitude toward a wide variety of environmental and energy issues.

Locally, a story on WAMC yesterday spoke of Pilgrim Pipeline Corporation's attempts to "bully" property owners into allowing survey teams to enter their property. WAMC reported that Pilgrim is sending letters to property owners threatening condemnation under "eminent domain" to those who do not cooperate. An opponent pointed out that Pilgrim is not a government entity and has no such power.

Keep your eyes and ears open. These are interesting times.

Lots of good stuff coming up...David's house party, Holiday sing, Environmental lecture series...see you soon.

Saul

Inside this issue:

A record pumpkin festival, dancing for the food pantry, the members speak, oil and water don't mix, and much, much more..



Joyce Hanson presents a check for \$504 to the Beacon Food Pantry

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, November 25th 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, December 5th 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

Link to Online Renewal: <http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html>

The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadside** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**

The **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.** is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the **Hudson River** and its environs. Our main focus is the **Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh** area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the **Sloop Club Building** located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

To our postal mail subscribers:

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting to acthoma@yahoo.com, **Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance to: Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537**

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, November 7, 2014

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with “Keep on the Sunny Side.” Saul Rozinsky welcomed first time attenders and welcomed back those who had not been at the club for awhile.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the Treasury Report. The opening balance was \$208,550 and the closing balance was \$200,285.

Joyce Hanson thanked everyone who helped with the Cajun Dance. She then presented a check to the food bank for \$504. The club was thanked for its support of the food bank. Saul announced that \$726 was also raised for the club at the dance.

Discussion moved to nominations for club officers for 2015. Steve Schwartz, Saul Rozinsky, James Malchow, and J.C. Calderon were nominated for President. Saul and James accepted the nominations. For Vice President, J.C. Calderon, Bonnie Champion, Susan Bozso, and Joyce Hanson were nominated. J.C. accepted the nomination. For Secretary, James Malchow and Gail Moran accepted nominations. For Treasurer, Sarah Elisabeth, Rosemary Thomas, and Alan Thomas were nominated. Sarah Elisabeth accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed until the December meeting.

Tom LaBarr announced that the Woody Dinner will be on March 1st at the Towne Crier Cafe. The Alyssa Jones Band is playing. The cost is \$75.

Alan Thomas announced that on November 8th there is a tree planting by Riverkeeper for the Moodna Creek. Alan also said that Riverkeeper is looking to train volunteers about the oil trains moving through the valley.

Connie Hogarth announced that on November 18th at the Howland Center is a film showing that will feature the Rivertown Kids and other youth activists.

Aaron Verdile announced that the Holiday Sing will be on December 12th at 7:00.

Dan Einbender announced that on November 8th Jake’s Main Street Music will have a grand reopening. Susan Bozso thanked Joyce Hanson for her tireless work for the club.

David Eberle announced that there will be a holiday fundraiser for the club at his house on December 7th at 2:00.

Discussion moved to the Woody. Alan Thomas gave an introduction and outlined the different options for the boat. He said that we are looking for feedback from the club membership about the different plans and noted that some of the options would be possible immediately if we had the money. Tom LaBarr said that the club could take out a line of credit to pay for the repairs. David Eberle asked if temporary repairs would lead to additional costs in the meantime. Sarah Elisabeth said we should look for additional grants to help pay for the work.

Gail Moran said that without specifics, the discussion is not based on evidence. Saul said that grants are often fund specific projects, so we probably need a certain plan before more funds are available. Steve Schwartz said that we should be looking for an idea of how the club feels about the different plans so that we have a better idea of what options to explore in depth. He added that the idea for temporary repairs with that it was thought by the captains to be the only way to keep the sail program going while we raised money for permanent repairs.

Susan Bozso said it was Pete Seeger’s idea to have lots of boats like the Woody sailing on the river. She said that she contacted Adam Green at Rocking the Boat, as well as Peter Gross at Clearwater. She said Adam Green is interested in the idea of either restoring the Woody or building a new boat for the club’s use. Susan said the club should consider opening a dialog with Rocking the Boat.

Discussion was held about costs and expected income. Kevin Haydon said an interim repair would not satisfy our needs and would cost all our money while we raise money, so it would leave us in the hole. Betty Harkins said there is a lot of merit in keeping the Woody and if the club gave the boat up it would regret it. Cathy Berger said the Woody is dear to us and represents what we stand for. She said partnering with Rocking the Boat would be very suitable for carrying on the club’s tradition.

Ben Mazer said that he has dedicated much of his life to the boat and he wants to see the existing vessel repaired because the Woody belongs in Beacon and deserves to be repaired. Roland Mousaa said that Pete Seeger’s vision for the Clearwater and the Woody was for them to be maintained forever. Nora Kiely said the spirit of the Woody stays with the Woody and we should keep and repair it.

Don Raskopf said he knows Adam Green and that Rocking the Boat is a wonderful program. He said that Clearwater is about recycling and reuse, so it does not make sense to discard the Woody. Don stressed that the care of the Woody takes dedication and work. Don also stressed that a new boat has no guaranteed lifespan. Carol Cina said that she agrees that the existing Woody should be restored. She thanked Susan Bozso for reaching out to the various groups. Carol then reiterated her support for a partnership with Rocking the Boat. Matt Bowen and Dan Searles also stressed keeping the Woody and expressed support for the Rocking the Boat proposal. Richard McPhillips stressed that we all need to work together. James Malchow said we should contact Rocking the Boat for a meeting.

Saul Rozinsky said that the Woody was meant to draw people into caring for the river and working together. Konstantin Doren asked if we could discuss annual maintenance of the Woody with Rocking the Boat.

Thank You to All our Pumpkin Festival Volunteers!!

What a wonderful Fall day! Judging by the crowd and the fact that we baked 131 pies and still ran out by 3:00pm. We had 28 gallons of Pho Chay stone soup (sort of a Vietnamese thirty years war version) and gave out over 450 bowls of it! That's on top of thirty gallons of chili and pumpkin soup. It was a huge success and a record by any measure.

We give special thanks once again to Simone Williams for her support and to everyone who made this festival so successful. The setting is magical, the weather was beautiful, the music wonderful, and soups/chili/pies scrumptious. Plus we had environmental exhibits and left the park cleaner than when we arrived. The graceful lines of the Clearwater sailing in the bay will also be remembered.



Art and biology of Brandon Ballengée exhibit is focus of Beacon Institute December 13 talk

Artist discussion on DWH disaster-related marine species collection, reception, 5 - 7 pm



"Skate" courtesy of the artist

An artist talk by artist-biologist Brandon Ballengée will be followed by a **reception on Saturday, December 13 beginning at 5 pm** at Beacon Institute's gallery at 199 Main Street in Beacon. Ballengée's *Ghosts of the Gulf* is an exhibit of strikingly vivid images of marine species collected in the Gulf of Mexico after the 2010 Deep Water Horizons (DWH) disaster and is currently on display at the gallery.

The event -- a Beacon Second Saturday -- is free and open to the public. [Online registration is required.](#)



**Holiday Open House
to benefit the restoration
of the Sloop Woody Guthrie**



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**At the Historic 1862 DuBois Farmhouse
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845-838-9630**



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Polly Armour said that she is fine with any option for the boat that the club pursues and also expressed concern about the demands of a wooden boat as the club ages. Wayne Kocher gave \$100 to the club and expressed interest in the Rocking the Boat proposal.

David Eberle said that we should be sure Rocking the Boat provides a good quality of labor. Steve Schwartz reiterated the importance of good workmanship. He then said that working with Rocking the Boat would help produce the future crews and captains of the Woody. Steve then said that over the years the club has gained a reputation for safety and service that is a valuable asset and would not transfer to a new boat. He said the program and its record and reputation are the club's greatest assets. Don Raskopf assured the club that Rocking the Boat's boat building standards are of a high quality.

Tom LaBarr said that there was once a plan to have a program similar to Rocking the Boat in Beacon and that the prospect of having the boat restored by them would be a credit to our tradition.

Gail Moran said that we shouldn't be afraid to wait a few years for the boat to be repaired because in the past the boat was out of the water for several seasons at a time and the sailing program did not suffer. Gail also said that there are other projects the club could work on in the meantime. Tinya Seeger said that the Woody was built well and we should remember that it was meant to be a work boat for everyone. Tinya read a letter stating her interest in preserving the existing boat. James Malchow said that in addition to Pete and Toshi Seeger's personal files, the plans and other documents related to the Woody are archived at Mystic Seaport.

Alan Thomas stressed that the sailing program and the club in general are going strong. He said that regardless of the plan, we still need to raise more money, so we should rededicate ourselves to volunteering and fundraising. The meeting broke at 8:50 p.m.

Common Ground Farm Annual Benefit Auction Saturday, December 6th, 7-10PM Scenic Hudson's River Center at Long Dock Park



Sampling delicious local foods and bidding on exciting Hudson Valley products and services are part of the festivities at the Common Ground Farm Annual Benefit Auction. Get ready for local food, good drink, LIVE music from Tall County, and both a silent auction and a spirited live auction. All proceeds benefit the Farm's food donation, education, and farm-to-school programs. To buy tickets in advance:

http://store.commongroundfarm.org/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=EV14_ACTN_12

That page is updated with the list of auction items, and the list will continue to grow! We also have a Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/575956892538238/>

Global Partners Withdraws Application for New Windsor Crude Oil Processing Facility

In a letter to the New York State DEC Global Partners LP of Waltham, Massachusetts withdrew its application to redevelop the former industrial shipyard on the Hudson River in New Windsor. They had asked for approval to receive and distribute petroleum products and for the installation of boilers to heat rail cars and tanks. The boilers are required to enable pumping of high viscosity crude such as that produced from Alberta tar sands. They offered no explanation although the DEC had previously notified them that their application was incomplete.

DEC Extends Public Comment Period for Global Permit at Port of Albany

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today extended the public comment period for the Global Companies permit application at the Port of Albany for an additional 60 days until Nov. 30, due to broad public and community interest, the agency announced. The public comment period was set to expire Sept. 30.

Global Companies submitted a permit application to modify its Air Title V Facility permit to allow the company to heat petroleum products, including crude oil, residual fuel and biofuels at its facility at the Port of Albany. The draft permit was listed in the Jan. 29, 2014 Environmental Notice Bulletin. DEC will continue to work with community leaders to coordinate on a public participation plan and any further requests deemed necessary to supplement information Global provided with its application. DEC will continue its dialogue with the community to ensure all questions are answered fully and objectively.

DEC's review under Title V of the Clean Air Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act is ongoing. DEC will not make a final determination on pending permit applications until it has fully reviewed all issues and only after the impacted communities are provided additional opportunities to learn about and comment on the proposals. The extension of the comment period will enable members of the public to participate meaningfully in the process.

Comments on the permit can be submitted to DEC by Nov. 30 via e-mail: DEP.R4@dec.ny.gov or mailed to the contact below:

William Clarke
NYSDEC Region 4 Headquarters
1130 North Westcott Rd
Schenectady, NY 12306

The Bayou Retrurns with Krewe de la Rue



On Saturday, Nov. 1st St. Luke's Parish House rocked with the sounds of the bayou as people danced to Krewe de la Rue to raise money for the Beacon Food Pantry. We raised some money for the sloop club and Clearwater as well through a silent auction and merchandise sales as well. Thank you to Joyce Hanson once again for organizing the event. From Joyce: The dance was great fun! Thank you to all the hard working and fun loving folks who donated their time and good energy.

Kudos also to Nancy Blake, Susan Reid Bozsó, Bonnie Champion, Beverly Dykman, David Eberle, Elizabeth Eberle, Alyssa Grippo, Peter Krayer, and Pepper Boetcker, Margaret deHeus, Alan and Rosemary Thomas, Jane Shumsky, Aaron Verdie, Erin Buttner, Shameika Hanson, Julie Otto and Barry. It was great music, great food, (thank you John Allen for your yummy Gumbo) and great dancing. See you next year at our annual Cajun Dance!

2014 Hudson River PCB Forum

The Sloop Club again participated in the conference held at the Marist College Cornell Boat House. The presentations and discussion centered around the environmental and economic impacts of leaving significant areas of PCB contamination which were outside of the EPA's 2002 record of decision(ROD) untreated at the end of GE's current dredging regimen.

GE is well ahead of the projected recovery rate for the areas on which they working and are likely to start the decommissioning of their facilities after next year's dredging season. EPA has stated that they will not require clean up outside of the original ROD, including 136 acres of River and the Champlain Canal.

The forum centered on the need for riverfront communities, businesses, and environment groups to align and work together to urge action from GE and government agencies while facilities still exist to address the issues.

Dutchess County Executive, Marc Molinaro addresses the PCB Forum



The Pleasures of the Harbor (with apologizes to Phil Ochs)



You might think that with the festival season over it's a slow period for volunteer activities but that is not the case for our harbor team.

If you came to the waterfront any weekend in November, bright and early due to the dictates of the tides, you would have found ten to twenty Beacon Sloop Club volunteers, preparing docks for the winter, pulling moorings and harbor buoys, and many other tasks that they perform to make the harbor an active and vibrant part of the City of Beacon.

Sometimes it's a dirty job; sometimes the weather is a bit bracing; it's also a great chance to get out on the water one last time before the ice comes. I was particularly taken by a comment I overheard from one of our volunteers when a tourist approached the group of mud and rust covered ruffians after a long day and asked what they were doing. He replied, "we're living Pete Seeger's dream." Meant as a joke I'm sure; it is so true on many levels as the hard work of a few individuals add up to a valuable service to the community.



Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report								
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth								
Tuesday, October 28, 2014								
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Broad Old River	243.00			243.00				
Donation	653.78			653.78				
Membership	205.00		205.00					
Harbor	625.00						625.00	
Pumpkin Festival	3436.10				3436.10			
Vendor	700.00				700.00			
Total	5862.88							
Building	-200.00							-200.00
Central Hudson	-80.52							-80.52
Clearwater	-1000.00							
Insurance	-11247.50							-11247.50
Staples	-27.98							-27.98
Pumpkin Festival	-1360.46				-1360.46			
Solar Trailer	-210.94				-210.94			
Total	-14127.40							
Total Monthly Income & Expenses	-8264.52		205.00	896.78	2564.70		625.00	-11556.00
Opening Balance	208550.51							
Closing Balance	200285.99							



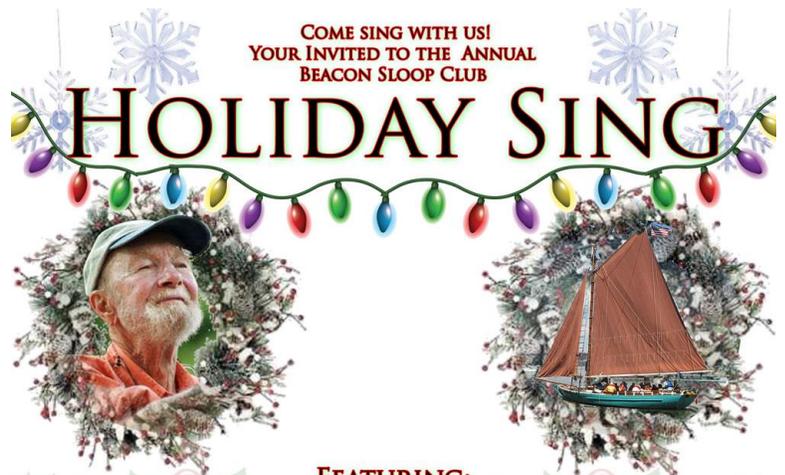
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| AND OTHER FRIENDS | |

THE BEACON SLOOP CLUB

(BY THE RIVER NEAR THE BEACON TRAIN STATION)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2014, 7 PM
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Fellow Folkies;

I am pleased to inform you that The Borderline Folk Music Club will continue operations in 2015.

We plan at least 4 concerts and the August festival.

Our new address is The Borderline Folk Music Club, 30 East Street, West Nyack N.Y. 10994.

Thank you to all those who attended our meeting and volunteered their time, we can always use more volunteers. Thank you to all of you for your continued support.

Cliff Goodman, President

We have been connected with AmazonSmile. When folks shop at Amazon 0.5% of the sale will be donated to us. Below is the Link.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3100801>

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. November 25th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting Dec. 5th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 p.m., At the Long Dock Park, Beacon NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

Holiday House Party- , Sun. Dec. 7, 2:00-6:00 pm, David Eberle’s House, 35 Slocum Rd. , Beacon NY

Holiday Sing, Fri. Dec 12, 7:00pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

Art and biology of Brandon Ballengée, An artist talk by artist-biologist Brandon Ballengée will be followed by a reception, Sat. Dec. 13, 5 pm, Beacon Institute's gallery at 199 Main Street in Beacon. [Online registration is required.](#)

The Beacon Sloop Club Winter Lecture Series will be held on the 2nd Thursday, Jan. thru May 2015. Please save the dates, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14. The topics will be determined shortly.

Membership Reminder

For most people membership renewals are due in January. This is a very critical year for the Beacon Sloop Club. With the planned work on the Woody, ongoing discussions over parking and festivals, and key environmental issues such as fracking and oil transport coming to a head it’s important that you renew, participate, and be counted. As always it’s not about the money, arrangements can be made for financial hardship. Our strength is in our membership.

Contact: Vane Lashua, or Sarah Elisabeth



Winter Maintenance on the Woody Guthrie, contact a captain

Beacon Sloop Club Ballot for 2015 Officers

President:

James Malchow

Saul Rozinsky

Vice-president:

J.C. Calderon

Secretary:

James Malchow

Gail Moran

Treasurer:

Sarah Elisabeth

Nominations are open until the vote during the December meeting. To vote you must be a member in good standing for 2014 and present at the meeting. Note: James has been nominated for two positions but may only hold one office.

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org

SAMPLE

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF PCBs FROM THE HUDSON RIVER

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is an American Heritage River, and the Valley a National Heritage Area, and the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of the communities surrounding it, as well as the state and the country at large; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200 miles of the Hudson River — from Hudson Falls to New York City — are a federal Superfund site because the General Electric Corporation (GE) discharged large quantities of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from two of its manufacturing plants for thirty years, between 1947 and 1977; and

WHEREAS, PCBs are manmade, bioaccumulative, persistent organic pollutants that have been linked to a wide variety of adverse health effects, including, among others: cancer, liver, and kidney disorders; reduced birth weight, conception rates, and live birth rates; persistent and significant deficits in neurological development, including visual recognition, short-term memory and learning; and developmental problems due to interference with thyroid hormone levels; and

WHEREAS, PCBs discharged by GE are present throughout the Hudson River ecosystem: in soils and sediments within the river and the surrounding floodplains; in the living tissues of wildlife, from low-level organisms to larger animals such as birds and fish; and, periodically, suspended in the river itself or in the air; and

WHEREAS, human beings may be exposed to PCBs by a variety of means, including eating PCB-contaminated fish or other contaminated foods, breathing in airborne PCBs, drinking PCB-contaminated water, or skin contact with PCB-laden soils; and

WHEREAS, in addition to posing ongoing health concerns, the continued presence of PCBs in the Hudson River has terminated or significantly damaged a number of formerly robust economic industries, including: the multi-million-dollar-a-year commercial fishing industry, closed below Hudson Falls since 1976; deep draft commercial shipping through the Champlain Canal, effectively closed for the past thirty years by the accumulation of PCB-contaminated sediments in the canal; and tourism, long-impaired by public perception that PCB contamination prevents the Hudson from being a safe or desirable place to visit or recreate; and

WHEREAS, the continued presence of PCBs in the Hudson River has also diminished the use and enjoyment of those who currently use the river, as exemplified by the longstanding NY State Department of Health (DOH) fish advisories against the consumption of recreationally caught fish and the numerous government-posted signs along the river warning of the presence of PCB-contaminated soils and sediments; and

WHEREAS, EPA determined in 2000 as part of its Reassessment Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Hudson River Superfund Site that PCBs in the upper Hudson were a “dominant source” of “the PCB load to the water column of the Upper Hudson River,” and that microbial breakdown (natural attenuation) will not rid the River of PCBs; and

WHEREAS, the EPA’s 2002 Record of Decision for the Hudson River Site selected environmental dredging and off-site disposal of PCB-contaminated sediment from the Upper Hudson River as the best river sediment remedy to reestablish the ecological and economic health of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, since July of 2002, GE has agreed to a series of administrative orders of consent and has entered into a consent decree with EPA, all in which it has agreed to perform activities needed for implementation of the selected remedial action for river sediments; and

WHEREAS, this remedy segmented the Upper Hudson River into three sections by latitude, with a more stringent cleanup standard applied to River Section 1 than to River Sections 2 or 3; and

WHEREAS, GE commenced the first phase of remedial dredging in 2009, and the second and final phase in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—the two federal agencies, along with the State of New York, entrusted with assessing the cost of GE’s “natural resource damage” liability for public losses incurred as a result of GE’s pollution of the Hudson River (the “Trustees”)—published reports identifying a number of problems with the 2002 river sediment remedy as implemented; and

WHEREAS, these problems included, among others: that failure to apply the more stringent criteria in River Sections 2 and 3, in practice, would leave behind the “equivalent to a series of Superfund-caliber sites” in those sections with average surface concentrations at “five times higher after remediation than predicted by the 2002 remedy;” that “the majority of

the elevated post-construction sediment concentrations are adjacent to planned dredge areas” resulting in “the high likelihood of remediated areas becoming recontaminated;” that the rate of decline of PCBs in fish “was significantly overestimated” by earlier EPA models; and that unremediated sediments “will eliminate significant opportunities for restoration of natural resources in precisely those locations where it would be most valuable;” and

WHEREAS, despite these significant concerns, no modification to the scope or implementation of the 2002 river sediment remedy has been made either by EPA or GE; and

WHEREAS, significant amounts of PCBs also remain in the Hudson River floodplains, and portions of the Old Champlain Canal in Schuylerville; and

WHEREAS, GE anticipates it will complete its limited dredging operations in 2015, and presumably will begin dismantling its multi-million dollar infrastructure constructed for the dredging and dewatering of contaminated sediments shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2014, GE agreed to an administrative order on consent regarding study of the Upper Hudson River floodplains to assist in the creation of an RI/FS for remediating those floodplains; and

WHEREAS, remaining PCB contamination within the river and the floodplains inhibits private and public growth, development, and recreational and business opportunities along the shores of the Hudson River and presents the risk of recontaminating the previously-cleaned areas planned for business or recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the current scope of planned dredging will not restore the Hudson River to its former ecological health, and the continued presence of highly contaminated sediments in the Upper Hudson River will prevent the revival of long-dormant economic opportunities for both the Upper and Lower Hudson communities; and

WHEREAS, these significant economic opportunities can only be unlocked by a robust cleanup of the Hudson that addresses contaminated sediments overlooked by the 2002 Record of Decision as well as other contaminated areas within and around the Hudson River;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ hereby urges a more thorough removal of PCBs from the Hudson River and calls upon GE to: (1) dredge all areas of PCB-contaminated sediments in River Sections 2 and 3 that would require cleanup under the applicable-standards in River Section 1, including, at minimum, the 136 acres identified by the federal Trustees; (2) conduct any additional necessary removal of soils and sediments in PCB-contaminated “hot spots” in and around the Upper Hudson River, including cleanup of the Champlain Canal to ensure full use of the canal by deep draft shipping vessels; and (3) complete a thorough analysis and robust cleanup of the Hudson River, including the floodplains and the Old Champlain Canal, in order to restore the River to its full health and value as a natural and economic resource.

And further, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to:

- Jeffrey Immelt, Chairman and CEO, General Electric Corporation
- New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo
- NYS Office of the Attorney General
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Canal Corporation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA)
- US Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency – Region 2

Motion made at a regular meeting of the _____, on _____
by _____ and seconded by _____

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