

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD**

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 165/2015**

**RE: ENDORSING DUTCHESS LAND CONSERVANCY/LOCUST GROVE FARM/HACKETT HOLSTEINS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE DUTCHESS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR MANAGEABLE GROWTH PROGRAM GRANT AND FOR FARMLAND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS AS ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS**

WHEREAS, Dutchess County adopted an updated Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan in March of 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that plan Dutchess County announced the Dutchess County partnership for Manageable Growth Program has announced a grant program for the purchase of development right to help ensure that farms continue to remain open and used for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the New York State Department of Agricultural and Markets will release a request for proposals for the Farmland Program Implementation Grants (“FPIG”) program; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess Land Conservancy submitted a proposal for proposed farmland protection project summary to the Town Board for the Locust Grove Farm/Hackett Holsteins project; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess Land Conservancy proposes to place a conservation easement on the Locust Grove Farm/Hackett Holsteins property located at 1845-1867 Salt Point Turnpike, Parcel No. 6465-02-586756, Parcel No. 6465-02-658682 and Parcel No. 6465-02-737695 for a total of 166.56 acres, which is currently owned by Mary-Elizabeth Atkins; and

WHEREAS, a letter of endorsement from the municipality for which the proposed project is located is required; and

WHEREAS, the grant of the conservation easement will extinguish development rights to the subject property by prohibiting further subdivision which is consistent with the 2015 Dutchess County Agricultural and the Farmland Plan and the 2013 Pleasant Valley Open Space and Farmland Plan, which identifies the area where the subject property is located as a “significant resource area for agriculture and habitat”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby endorses the Dutchess Land Conservancy application for the Locust Grove Farm/Hackett Holsteins for funding under Dutchess County’s Partnership for Manageable Growth Program and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and is hereby authorized to execute a letter of endorsement.

MOTIONED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: October 26, 2015

**ROLL CALL:**

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councilman Albrecht	_____	_____
Councilman Figliozi	_____	_____
Councilman Latino	_____	_____
Councilwoman Milicaj	_____	_____
Supervisor Campbell	_____	_____