

**TOWN OF CHESTER**

**A RESOLUTION TO FORM A CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTER  
OUT OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**February 14, 2024**

**TITLE:** A resolution to form a Conservation Advisory Council for the Town of Chester out of the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on February 14th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Holdridge and upon roll being called the following were:

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Holdridge  
Council Member Ardisana  
Council Member Becker  
Council Member Courtenay

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Holdridge, who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member Ardisana, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester Climate Change Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) formed by resolution during the August 9, 2023 meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester has been meeting monthly to discuss matters concerning environmental protection of natural areas (open space) and resources (land, water, air), potential enhancements to the Town Code, involvement with Town’s Comprehensive Plan, and enhancing natural resource-bases planning and quality of life for residents in the community. The Council’s goal is to study the town's internal policies and code in order to figure out how if any, improvements could be made to further contribute to climate change mitigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has explored numerous issues of environmental stewardship, identifying potential grants, and other fiscal resources, including community partnerships to support the work it plans to undertake if it is formulated as a Conservation Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation requires a vote of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, and its appointment as a main advisory group to the Town Board on matters relating to the protection and management of open spaces, natural areas, and other environmental issues fully authorized to conduct surveys, studies, and inventories of natural and physical features including open spaces and wetlands. The Chester Conservation Advisory Council will physically meet no less than four times a year (unless extenuating circumstances prevent it), or as often as the council sees fit. They will be responsible for preparing an annual report of its activities and expenditure of funds, if any, and sharing such report during a public meeting of the Town Board every year beginning in 2025, at a meeting near the date of the anniversary of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester, renames the Chester Climate Change Advisory Committee and adopts it as the Chester Conservation Advisory Council with the initial members as: (1) Town of Chester Supervisor (Liaison) Brandon Holdridge, (2) Town resident, Jane Dysinger, (3) Town resident, EJ Szulwach, (3) Town resident, Grayson Sussman Squires (serving as Interim Chairperson), (4) Town resident, Elizabeth Barrett-Zahn, (5) Town resident, Justin George, (6) Town resident, Susannah Devine, (7) Town resident, Tracy Schuh, (8) Town resident, Helen Flavin, (9) Town resident, Kimberly Manson, (10) Town resident, Martine G. DiPasquale, (11) Town resident, William Greene, (12) Town resident Jay Westerveld, and (13) Town resident Martine Perrier with all the advisory powers and duties noted herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Chester appoint Town resident, Grayson Sussman Squires, as the Interim Chairperson for the Conservation Advisory Council.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

**VOTE: AYES(4): Holdridge, Ardisana, Becker, Courtenay, ABSENT(1): Dysinger** **ADOPTED**

Dated: February 14, 2024