

**RESOLUTION NO. 121 -2010, TO REESTABLISH THE LAKE
RONKONKOMA ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, a Lake Ronkonkoma Advisory Board has periodically functioned to provide oversight, guidance and planning for the prudent use and rehabilitation of the Lake and its surrounding watershed; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1063-2000 reestablished the Lake Ronkonkoma Advisory Board, and Resolution No. 1131-2002 extended the authority of the Advisory Board through December 31, 2003 for all of the purposes previously identified; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the involved municipalities on the Town, County, and State levels, along with the local communities, civic groups and other interested parties convened a group known as the Three Town Lake Ronkonkoma Task Force; and

WHEREAS, this group, meeting monthly and working together for over a year, has been able to revitalize watershed protection efforts, facilitate storm drain cleaning and increase lake water testing efforts, and has sponsored a collaborative grant application between Brookhaven Town, Suffolk County, and the State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, additional efforts are being mounted to enhance lakefront access, promote fishing and recreational opportunities, and to complete land preservation acquisition efforts including acquisition of the former Bavarian Inn; and

WHEREAS, several additional initiatives have been identified including the update of the Suffolk County Planning Department Study of Lake Ronkonkoma and the surrounding watershed; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Lake Ronkonkoma Advisory Board is hereby re-established and shall consist of the following eleven members:

- 1.) The County Executive, or his designee;
- 2.) The County Legislator representing the 4th Legislative District, or designee;
- 3.) The County Legislator representing the 10th Legislative District, or designee;
- 4.) The County Legislator representing the 12th Legislative District, or designee;
- 5.) A representative from the Town of Brookhaven, to be appointed by the Town;
- 6.) A representative from the Town of Islip, to be appointed by the Town;
- 7.) A representative from the Town of Smithtown, to be appointed by the Town;
- 8.) The Assembly and Senate representatives, or their designees, of the Districts in which Lake Ronkonkoma and the adjoining watershed are physically located, for a total of three (3) members;
- 9.) A representative of the Lake Ronkonkoma Civic Organization; and
- 10.) A representative of the Lake Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Board shall be selected by a majority of the membership of said Board; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed with the Clerk of the Suffolk County Legislature for the purpose of organization and the appointment of a Vice Chairman and a Secretary; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Board shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all of its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the Chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon the receipt of a written request signed by at least five members of the Board. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the Secretary to each member at least four days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that seven (7) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business of the Board at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Advisory Board, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the Suffolk County Legislature; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Board shall meet at least six times per year to establish the priorities of the community, to facilitate the execution of intermunicipal agreements among the involved governmental entities, to facilitate an update of the Planning Department Study, to establish additional goals, to promote the prudent use of, and protection of Lake Ronkonkoma, and the surrounding watershed, and to conduct all related activities associated with Lake Ronkonkoma; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that the Lake Ronkonkoma Advisory Board shall make an initial report to the Suffolk County Legislature within ninety (90) days of its first meeting and shall provide subsequent reports to the Legislature as needed; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Lake Ronkonkoma Advisory Board shall be authorized for a three (3) year period commencing with the adoption of this Resolution; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 2, 2010

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 12, 2010