



TOWN OF MARBLETOWN

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown was convened in a public session of the Town Hall, 1925 Lucas Ave Cottekill, New York on September 20, 2022, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. local time. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rich Parete, and, upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION # SCOPING STUDY APPLICATION FEE

WHEREAS, community heat pump systems a.k.a thermal energy networks are the most efficient way to heat and cool buildings with current power-to-heat technology while enabling the shift to renewable electricity generated by renewables,

WHEREAS, The Town of Marbletown has adopted a 100% Renewable Action Plan to shift the Town (both government operations and community energy use) to 100% renewable energy as quickly as is practical,

WHEREAS, Community heat pump systems deliver significant benefits to the electric grid in the form of reduced peak loads, and more predictable load curves,

WHEREAS, the Federal Inflation Reduction Act provides significant tax credits (some of which can be used by municipal and other non-taxable entities) for heat pump systems,

WHEREAS, Fossil fuel heating in the Town of Marbletown is limited to relatively expensive fuels such as propane and fuel oil, which greatly enhances the economic benefits of heat pump systems,

WHEREAS, Most residences in the Hamlet of High Falls have unused water wells which can potentially be repurposed for thermal exchange,

WHEREAS, The Town is planning on expanding the High Falls Water district to the hamlet of Stone Ridge, which will result in numerous additional residences in the hamlet with unused water wells that can be repurposed for thermal exchange,

WHEREAS, in addition to residences and businesses, three town buildings, the Stone Ridge Library, and the Stone Ridge Fire Department, and the High Falls Fire Department all have the potential to benefit from a community thermal network,

WHEREAS, The Rondout Valley Business Association, Stone Ridge Library, and the Ulster County Department of Public Works have all signed letters of support for the scoping study,

WHEREAS, the State Utility Thermal Energy Network and Jobs Act directs the Public Service Commission to develop a regulatory structure for utility thermal energy networks and requires the state's seven largest utilities (including Central Hudson) to pilot at least one and as many as five thermal energy networks as a test in the short term.

RESOLVED, The Town of Marbletown commits to pay \$3000 of Egg Geo's \$6,000 fee to apply for "COMMUNITY HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS CATEGORY A: SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPING STUDY ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF MARBLETOWN," provided that Ulster County, SUNY Ulster, or some other outside source of funding is found for the balance.