

TOWN OF SAUGERTIES

REQUESTING AN EXTENSION FOR COMMENTS FROM 30 TO 45 DAYS ON THE SCOPING OF THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY HARBOR & TRIBUTARIES FEASIBILITY STUDY

Whereas, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), working in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and others, is hosting scoping meetings in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act to provide the public with the opportunity to offer input on the range of issues to be addressed in a New York-New Jersey Harbor & Tributaries Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement on protections against storm surges in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan region, which includes the Hudson River Estuary and its communities,

Whereas, all of the meetings have been completed or are being completed at this time, in New York City, New Jersey and Poughkeepsie, New York, with a 30-day comment period scheduled to end on August 20, 2018,

Whereas, these sessions have only broadly outlined plans for barriers, gates and other obstructions to massive flooding that was experienced in this region with Hurricane Sandy in 2012, none of which have addressed estuarial impacts in a meaningful manner for Saugerties and other upriver communities,

Whereas, ACE has already received numerous calls for widening the scoping sessions to include additional meetings in communities affected by potential storm surges in this region, and on extending the public comment period to at least 45 days,

Whereas, these requests are eminently laudable considering the complexity of the issues raised in the ACE study, the limited amount of information provided to accompany the presentations, the complex and substantial questions raised by those attending the sessions, and the wide impact that storm surge events might create for the region,

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties joins with other communities in requesting an extension of the comment period under scoping from 30 to 45 days following an additional series of scoping meetings so that affected communities, residents, and involved agencies and organizations can best consider and comment on the issues raised in the Scoping period,

This resolution was submitted to a vote and the vote was thereon as follows:

YEAS   5        NAYS   0        ABSENT   0        ABSTENTION   0  

Fred Costello Jr., Supervisor

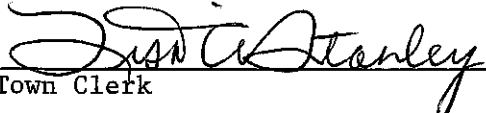
Leeanne Thornton, Councilwoman

Paul Andreassen, Councilman

Mike Maclsaac, Councilman

John Schoonmaker IV, Councilman

Town Board resolution on this 11th day of July 2018.

  
Town Clerk