

# **Town of Ballston – Clear Water Committee**

*Resolution 14-124 passed by Town of Ballston – July 8, 2014*

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Ballston has recognized that the lack of sewer system infrastructure has been a major issue over the past 40 years, due to failing septic systems and/or outdated systems, and

Whereas these same septic systems have created a major health issue for Ballston Lake and surrounding watershed that must be addressed by the town, and

Whereas this issue has created a tremendous burden on the residents and businesses of this town who must install, maintain and replace existing septic systems periodically, and

Whereas these issues negatively impact the value of properties and negatively impact economic development, and

Whereas the these same septic systems have impacted and continue to cause the rapid deterioration of the waters of Ballston Lake and

Whereas the NYS DEC has recently declared Ballston Lake an impaired water body and

Whereas leaders from the community gathered as concerned citizens and requested the town board of the town of Ballston to act, and

Whereas the Town of Ballston town board by unanimous vote on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 passed resolution 13-189 establishing “The Town of Ballston Clear Water Committee” and chartered it with investigating the septic problems, reviewing proposed solutions, updating the engineering study and recommending a realistic solution to these problems, and

Whereas this committee distributed a letter to town residents summarizing this issue and offering a flyer that contained common sense stop gap tips, and

Whereas this committee has provided the board with an updated engineering study, the Delaware report, a narrative and a report showing how specific streams impact lake water quality, and

Whereas the committee has recommended to the board that the area designated as “Area 1” of the Delaware Report convert these septic systems to a sewer system,

Be it resolved, that the town board agrees to schedule a special meeting to discuss the submitted reports and recommendations of the committee; and

Be it further resolved that the town board intends to honor the recommendations of the committee subject to this special meeting discussion which shall include, implementation of a centralized sewer system around Ballston Lake and Buell Heights, the formation of an economic development committee to address sewers in our Route 50 corridor and the consideration to form a committee to address the issues in the northern area of the town specifically “Carpenter’s Acres” and Thomas Avenue, all subject to direction from our town attorney and applicable federal, state and local statutes governing the Town of Ballston, and

Be it further resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ballston, hereby recognize the members of the Ballston Clear Water Committee for their work on this issue and their contribution to the Ballston community.