Resolution No. 22 of 2023

Dated:

Subject: Debar Lodge Land Exchange

WHEREAS: The Town Board of Duane acknowledges that the Board in 2021 passed a resolution regarding Debar, the current Town Board wishes to take a different position on this matter: and

WHEREAS: The Town Board does not agree to the proposed 6-acre land swap. The Town Board believes that it is not equal in value or greater and the town would lose state tax to a non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS: Public access is not defined in a complete manner; and

WHEREAS: The Town Board wishes that the Debar Lodge 6-acre property remain State land as "forever wild."

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does not support any proposals that would potentially limit the current ability of residents to have access at Debar Pond and the public lands surrounding Debar Pond; in particular the view of the mountains and the beach on the shoreline, is not provided for in the proposed plan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does not want the existing buildings associated with the lodge at Debar Pond and the land around them to be sold by the State to a private entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation clean up and remove the dilapidated and fallen down boat house on the shoreline,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that the Town Supervisor send this resolution to Elected officials to include: Sen. Dan Stec, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Governor Kathy Hochul, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, and directly ask for their written support of this resolution and the proposals as described herein.

VOTE:

Ayes: Gordon, LeMieux, Paquin, Pelkey, Young

Nays: None Absent: None

I, Sue Nitto, Town Clerk for the Town of Duane, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of the resolution passed by the Town Board of the Town of Duane at a meeting duly convened on December 20, 2023.

Sue Nitto, Duane Town Clerk