

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 14th, 2022

RESOLUTION #2 OF 2022

**REQUEST FOR STATE ACQUISITION OF CAMP BARTON AND INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE
A COOPERATIVE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT OF THE ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, Camp Barton, is a 129-acre property located on the western shore of Cayuga Lake in Seneca County, Town of Covert; and,

WHEREAS, the Baden Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of America has initiated proceedings for the sale of this property; and,

WHEREAS, the municipalities of the Town of Covert, Town of Ulysses and Village of Trumansburg passed a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in November 2021 declaring that the three municipalities would work on “finding means to preserve for public use and enjoyment all or a portion of the Boy Scout Camp Barton (“Barton”)", and that “Barton is considered critical to providing public access to Cayuga Lake, particularly to youth organizations, and to the environment and watershed of Cayuga Lake.”; and,

WHEREAS, the three municipalities have formed a working group and are desirous to have assistance from The State of New York to acquire and protect Camp Barton and make it available for use by the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses and the Village of Trumansburg have the authority to allocate funds and resources outside of their respective geographic boundaries, when doing so in partnership with The State of New York or other appropriate municipal entity, for purposes such as the acquisition, protection, and public use of recreational facilities; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert requests that the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation acquire that portion of the Camp Barton property which includes no less than the waterfront, the main camp, and Frontenac Falls; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert, along with at least one additional municipal partner, intends to negotiate a Cooperative Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and that the municipalities would, collectively, assume operational and maintenance costs and responsibilities for those portions of the Camp Barton property that is acquired by OPRHP; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Covert Town Board approves the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to negotiate a Cooperative Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and the partner municipality(ies); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Covert Town Board appoints Supervisor Michael Reynolds and Deputy Supervisor Deborah Nottke to represent the Town in these negotiations.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke. Aye-Nottke, Aye-Foster, Aye-Reynolds, Nay-Wyckoff, Nay-Bishop.