**TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH**

**TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING**

**February 20, 2020**

**Resolution NO.2020-046 Imperial Dam on Saranac River**

**WHEREAS**, the Imperial Dam is located on the Saranac River in Plattsburgh, New York and is a Class “C” High Hazard dam, its’ failure may result in serious damage to residences and infrastructure such as the loss of human life, and/or widespread economic loss is likely; and

**WHEREAS**, Imperial Dam has a long history of serious uncorrected safety and habitat deficiencies such as ice build-up which exacerbates ice jams downstream impacting City of Plattsburgh infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the impounded water behind Imperial Dam is not used for any hydropower electrical generation or industrial use; and

**WHEREAS**, improved fish passage and improved health of the landlocked salmon fishery in the Saranac River would likely increase tourism and recreational opportunities within the City and Town of Plattsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh received a presentation by the Lake Champlain Chapter of the Trout Unlimited on October 24, 2019 regarding these issues; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Plattsburgh supports the removal of the Imperial Dam and the full restoration of the Saranac Rivers to reduce any threats to public safety, improve the recreational benefits to nearby communities and allow full access of native Atlantic Salmon to historic native spawning waters; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Plattsburgh joins and supports the efforts of the City of Plattsburgh as well as those of the Lake Champlain Chapter of Trout Unlimited to remove the Imperial Dam.

**Motion:**

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call: Yes No Absent Carried Tabled**

**Thomas E. Wood Meg E. LeFevre**

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**Charles A. Kostyk**

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