

TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

Resolution #601

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH
NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES TO FORM THE PECONIC ESTUARY
PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Councilman Dunleavy offered the following resolution,

which was seconded by Councilman Wooten

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk, the Town of Brookhaven, the Town of East Hampton, the Town of Shelter Island, the Town of Southampton, the Town of Southold, the Village of Dering Harbor, the Village of Greenport, the Village of North Haven, the Village of Sag Harbor, and the New York State Department of Transportation recognize the importance of the Peconic Estuary as a vital coastal ecosystem essential to the environmental and economic well-being of the people in the areas surrounding the Peconic Estuary; and

WHEREAS, Peconic Estuary Program participants developed a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) which set forth long range goals and plans for the use and improvement of the Peconic Estuary; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall be funded by annual contributions to be paid by the member municipalities to meet Committee goals such as improving the water quality of the Peconic Estuary, restoring and enhancing the surrounding tidal wetlands, controlling and reducing pollution, achieving compliance with federal and state regulations which affect the Peconic Estuary and coordinating local coastal regulations to maximize protection and improvement of the Peconic Estuary; and

WHEREAS, to maximize the efficiency of Town personnel, time and money and to lead to a higher level of coordination to meet NYSDEC Stormwater Management requirements, the Town of Riverhead is desirous of entering into an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) ; and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law Article 5-G, Section 119-o, authorizes municipalities to enter into agreements with fellow municipalities for the performance of various endeavors.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an IMA with the County of Suffolk, the Town of Brookhaven, the Town of Shelter Island, the Town of Southampton, the Town of Southold, the Village of Dering Harbor, the Village of Greenport, the Village of North Haven, the Village of Sag Harbor and the New York State Department of Transportation for the purpose of collaborating on efforts including but not limited to efforts to improve the water quality of the Peconic Estuary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this authorization shall be subject to the review and approval of the IMA by the Town Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town's Financial Administrator is hereby authorized and directed, after Town Attorney review and approval of the IMA, to disburse funding in the amount of 10% of the total dues addressed in the IMA; however, not to exceed \$7,500.00 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) and solely limited to fiscal year 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Town Hall Departments may review and obtain a copy of this resolution from the electronic storage device and, if needed, a certified copy of same may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk.

THE VOTE

Giglio Yes No Gabrielsen Yes No
Wooten Yes No Dunleavy Yes No
Walter Yes No

The Resolution Was Was Not
Thereupon Duly Declared Adopted