

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING
FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Bartley, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Town of Elizabethtown is looking to install a sewer system at a cost of upwards of \$9.5 million; and

WHEREAS, a new sewer system would provide the residents with a municipal sewer which would also benefit the County Government Center, Horace Nye Home and Elizabethtown Community Hospital and the business sector of Elizabethtown; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elizabethtown alone is unable to afford such a project and is seeking to request the federal government to allow for funding to New York State through the Environmental Facilities Corporation and through USDA Rural Development to provide grant funds to make the project viable.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the federal government allow for funding to New York State and federal funding agencies to provide grant funds to establish the Town of Elizabethtown sewer project and infrastructure for the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to immediately send certified copies of this resolution to Governor Cuomo, Congressman Owens, Congressman Gibson, Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, Senate Majority Leader John Sampson, Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward and Assemblywoman Janet Duprey.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisors Marnell and Boisen, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE/HEAP PROGRAMS
REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Blades, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that provides emergency assistance for households in a heat or heat related energy emergency and also assists with furnace repairs and/or replacements for households with inoperable heating equipment; and

WHEREAS, with an aging population, Essex County has many residents on fixed incomes which people are finding it more and more difficult to afford to heat their homes during the winter months and rely heavily on this HEAP funding to get through the winter months; and

WHEREAS, the County relies on the HEAP funding to provide the services to the households needing assistance and is requesting the federal government to increase appropriations to HEAP in order to continue providing the services.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the federal government to increase appropriations for the Home Energy Assistance Program in order to continue providing HEAP services to the residents of Essex County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to immediately send certified copies of this resolution to Governor Cuomo, Congressman Owens, congressman Gibson, Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, NYS Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Senator Little, Assemblywoman Sayward and Assemblywoman Duprey.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Montgomery-Corey, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION URGING UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO ENDORSE THE EXPANSION OF THE STATE PARK IN CROWN POINT NEAR
THE HISTORICAL SITE AND THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Harrington, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Bi-State Park is a partnership between New York and Vermont to utilize the new Champlain Bridge as a tourist destination which would include both states; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to increase opportunities to interpret the area's history and to increase pedestrian traffic across the lake thereby increasing tourism between New York and Vermont which would necessitate the expansion of the State Park in Crown Point near the historical site and the Champlain Bridge.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the U.S. Department of Transportation to endorse the expansion of the State Park in Crown Point near the historical site and Champlain Bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to immediately send certified copies of this resolution to: Governor Cuomo, Congressman Owens, Congressman Gibson, Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, Senate Majority Leader John Sampson, U.S. Department of Transportation Commissioner.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Marnell, and adopted.

Resolution No. 52

**February 27, 2012
Special Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE CLEAN-UP
OF DEBRIS FROM TROPICAL STORM IRENE**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Ferebee, who moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman and/or County Manager to apply for and accept a grant for additional FEMA funds to assist with the clean-up of debris from Tropical Storm Irene.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 53

**February 27, 2012
Special Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE A CODE OFFICER FOR FEMA PROJECTS AT
\$20.00/HOUR, WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM THE FEMA PROJECT**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Morency, who moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the hiring of a Code Officer relative to FEMA Projects at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, which funds to come from the FEMA Project.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Malaney, and adopted, upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2733 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 110 votes (Connell)