The following members were present:
Deputy Supervisor Edwin Grund
Councilperson's: Sean Nearing, Michael Walter, and Paul Salzberg
Robert Smith, Town Clerk- Maryann Oumrim

Deputy Supervisor Grund called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with pledged of Allegiance to the flag.

TOWN OF COCHECTON
RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 07.28. 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY MILLENNIUM PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC

WHEREAS, Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC ("Petitioner") commenced a tax certiorari proceeding pursuant to Article 7 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law against the Assessor of the Town of Cochecton, the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Cochecton, and the Town of Cochecton ("the Respondents")["the Proceeding"] seeking judicial review of the assessments placed upon certain real property located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Petition seeks a reduction in the assessed value of Petitioner's real property identified as Tax Map Nos. **624.000-9999-810.500/2001** and **624.000-9999-810.500/2011**; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton retained the law firm of **Harris Beach Murtha Cullina**, **PLLC, H. Todd Bullard, Esq., of Counsel**, to represent the Respondents in defense of the Petition and that firm also represents the County of Sullivan as an intervening party in the Proceeding; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bullard on behalf of the Town has negotiated, with counsel for the Petitioner, a proposed settlement between the Town and the Petitioner specifically providing that the proceedings commenced by Petitioner for the 2025 year shall be discontinued without revision of the assessments, refunds or costs as to any party and it is expressly understood and agreed that no tax refunds or credits are due or payable to Millennium Pipeline, as a result of the Proceeding; and

WHEREAS, further as part of the settlement negotiations referenced above with the Petitioner. the total assessed value of the subject properties for assessment year 2026 will be reduced from **$13,137,203.00** to **$10,959,555.00** and such assessment shall remain in place for 2027, 2028, and 2029 years with the assessment to be modified and increase for the years 2030 forward as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting of the Town Board held on **July 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**, the Town Board determined that acceptance of the proposed settlement with the terms set forth above is in the best interests of the Town, as it will avoid the expense, uncertainty, and additional legal fees associated with protracted litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor has advised the Town Board that the proposed reduction in assessment is acceptable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton hereby approves the settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding commenced by Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC upon the terms set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Harris Beach Murtha Cullina**, **PLLC, H. Todd Bullard, Esq., of Counsel**, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Consent Order and Judgment and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement on behalf of the Assessor of the Town of Cochecton, the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Cochecton, and the Town of Cochecton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Cochecton on July 28, 2026.

Adjournment
Motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Walter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryann Oumrim
Town Clerk