TOWN OF DRYDEN

RESOLUTION # ____ OF 2017 APPROVING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON TOWN OF DRYDEN TAX PARCEL NUMBER 66.-1-12.1 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE TOWN OF DRYDEN

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden Planning Board granted final subdivision plat approval for a five-lot subdivision (“the Project”) of a parcel of real estate located on Town of Dryden Tax Parcel Number 66.-1-12.1 (“the Property”) and owned by Tiny Timber, LLC (“Tiny Timber”), by resolution adopted on April 27, 2017, and granted site plan approval for the Project; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of site plan approval, Tiny Timber is required to preserve a portion of the subdivision as open space by means of a conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Deed of Conservation Easement (“the Easement”) grants the Town a conservation easement on the portion of the Property described in the Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the authority to acquire an interest in land (including an easement) for the purpose of preserving open space, pursuant to General Municipal Law (“GML”) §247, and may acquire such interest by gift, subject to a public hearing and due notice; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed acquisition of the Easement was held on July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of the Town of Dryden, 93 East Main Street, Dryden, New York 13053, and notice of such public hearing was duly given by posting at the Town Hall and publication in The Ithaca Journal on July 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on July 20, 2017 issued a negative declaration of environmental impact under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State (collectively, “SEQR”) with respect to the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board approves and accepts a conservation easement for the area described in the proposed Deed of Conservation Easement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the Deed of Conservation Easement and all other necessary documents to complete the grant of the Easement to the Town and the recording thereof in the Tompkins County Clerk’s Office.