

Affordable and Workforce Housing Committee Resolution 2022- 01 Recommending that the Town Pursue a Community Development Block Grant for a Town Housing Rehabilitation Program

Moved by Martha Robertson, seconded by Mike Murphy

Whereas, the Town’s Housing Conditions Survey (HCS) done in April 2019 documented that 38% of the Town’s housing stock met the NYS Office of Community Renewal’s (OCR) criteria for Moderately to Highly substandard, and

Whereas, Dryden2045, An Update to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan states a goal to “Support Investment in existing housing stock” as further detailed in “Action RR 2.13 -Support financial assistance for property maintenance and improvements using external grant funding, and

Whereas, opportunities for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to address housing rehabilitation are usually announced annually in August with a short time to submit an application, and

Whereas, starting the application preparation early in the year would allow time to do the necessary survey of residents to develop a waiting list as required by the CDBG guidelines, and would thereby increase the Town’s chance of a successful application, and

Whereas, Thoma Development Consultants, the firm that conducted the HCS for the Town, and which also wrote a successful CDBG proposal for the Town of Dryden in 2012, submitted the attached proposal to prepare the grant application for the Town, and

Whereas, the Affordable and Workforce Housing Committee (AWHC) discussed a variety of options, including this proposal, to address housing issues in the Town at the committee’s regular December 7 meeting.

Therefore be it resolved that, the AWHC recommends that the Town accept this proposal and contract with Thoma to provide the grant writing services as detailed in the attached proposal.

All voted in favor.