

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Adopting the Mission Statement of the Town of New Paltz Police Commission**

**WHEREAS**, the New Paltz Town Council adopted an anti-racism Statement on September 2, 2021, to evaluate the policies and ordinances implemented to guard against racial bias and systemic racism of any kind in Town government among other things and;

**WHEREAS**, the New Paltz Town Council adopted Local Law Number 3 of 2021 to repeal Chapter 34, "Police Commissioners, Board of" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz and to add a new Chapter 34, "POLICE COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF" on November 18, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the New Paltz Reform and Reinvention Committee recommended, among other things, the establishment of a civilian police commission;

**WHEREAS**, the New Paltz Town Council is committed to continuing to work with the New Paltz Police Department and the community at-large to create better dialogue around policing activities within the Town of New Paltz, update policing policies, and modernizing the department to meet the equity-in-policing needs of the community;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Paltz Town Council is committed to appointing members to serve in the capacity of Police Commissioner who show a dedication to anti-racism, diversity, justice, and the ability to fulfill the commission's responsibilities as defined by local law number 3 of 2021;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Paltz Town Council is committed to providing needed resources to the New Paltz Police Commission to ensure that they have the tools needed to both fulfill the commission's responsibilities and grant them the opportunity to provide an additional voice for the community related to police affairs;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Paltz Town Council is committed to holding members of the New Paltz Police Commission to the same rules currently imposed upon members of the New Paltz Planning Board related to attendance, removal, and ordinances related to training and continuing education;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New Paltz Town Council establishes the following as the mission statement of the New Paltz Police Commission,

*We, the members of the New Paltz Police Commission, are committed to empowering and enhancing the voices of residents in everyday policing affairs. We serve to bring an additional layer of citizen oversight on policing for the purposes of promoting anti-racism, transparency, accountability, and diversity to the department. We commit to conducting ourselves with the*

*highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence and represent the voices of the residents of the Town of New Paltz.*