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Copy of Resolution # 39-2012-Calling for the Lake George Park Commission to Adopt A New Program for Mandatory Boat inspection and Decontamination

Done at the Regular Town Board meeting January 9, 2012

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Motion made by Councilperson Muratori, seconded by Councilperson Heinrich

Whereas Lake George currently is experiencing infestations of four aquatic invasive species; and,

Whereas aquatic invasive species infestations pose a serious threat to the ecological health of Lake George; and

Whereas millions of dollars have been spent to try remove and control the four known aquatic invasive species established in Lake George; and,

Whereas the tourist industry is a vital part of the local economy and is largely dependent upon on the lake's clean water; and,

Whereas interdiction and prevention have been found to be the best ways to contain and control aquatic invasive species; and,

Whereas Lake George faces a grave threat from aquatic invasive species, such as quagga mussels, that are spread by boats in engine waters, bilge and ballast waters as well as live bait containers, during the time the mussel is in its juvenile microscopic period and is highly transportable; and,

Whereas around Lake George interdiction currently relies exclusively on public education and voluntary compliance to check for visible plants and animals; and,

Whereas the Norowal Marina in Bolton is currently experiencing a major infestation of the invasive Asian clam despite being the site of the most intensive public educational efforts over the past six years; and,

Whereas a viable mandatory boat inspection and decontamination program has been successfully established for Lake Tahoe, a large and highly popular lake with numerous public and private points of entry; and,

Whereas a centralized program is needed for Lake George, which is bordered by eight towns, one village and three counties; and,

Whereas the Lake George Park Commission has been invested by State law to restrict and manage all aspects of boat operation on the lake; and,

Therefore, be it now resolved that the Town of Lake George Town Board calls upon the Lake George Park Commission to investigate and evaluate the creation of a new program for mandatory boat inspection and decontamination in order to protect the water quality and public enjoyment of Lake George to the maximum extent practicable by proactively preventing the introduction of new aquatic invasive species.

Ayes: 5 Hurley, Heinrich, Crocitto, Muratori, Dickinson

Nays: 0

Resolution was passed