

**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2018

**A RESOLUTION REFERRING TIORONDA BRIDGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
QUESTION TO PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Tioronda Bridge, now dismantled, originally spanned the upper tidal reach of Fishkill Creek where it meets the Hudson River at the former Tioronda Hat Works factory. Erected in 1873 by the Ohio Bridge Company, the three-span, Rezner patent, bowstring arch structure was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service in 1976 for its significance in U.S. bridge engineering and place in Beacon's industrial history; and

WHEREAS, the trusses were removed in 2006, and are now stored at the Beacon Highway Department Transfer Station and all that remains at the original bridge site is the two split stone abutments and two piers, portions of which were modified when the sewer and water utilities crossing the Fishkill Creek were rehabilitated in 2013/2014; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation has advised the City that through the move and process of deterioration, the Tioronda Bridge has substantially lost its historic integrity and ability to illustrate its significance and should be delisted from the National Register.

WHEREAS, the City Council is considering constructing a new one lane bridge for vehicular and pedestrian crossing; and

WHEREAS, this property is located within the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed whether Chapter 134 of the City Code regarding Historic Preservation applies to the design of a new bridge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate to understand the requirements of Chapter 134 prior to spending money on the design of the bridge.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council requests that the Planning Board advise how Chapter 134 and the requirement to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness applies to the design of a new bridge at this location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator and City Attorney will prepare a memorandum to the City's Planning Board providing the relevant reports and City Code language for the Planning Board's discussion.

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Date: 2018

- ☐ Amendments
☐ Not on roll call
☐ On roll call

- ☐ 2/3 Required
☐ 3/4 Required

Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Terry Nelson					
		Jodi McCredo					
		George Mansfield					
		Lee Kyriacou					
		John Rembert					
		Amber Grant					
		Mayor Randy J. Casale					
		Motion Carried					