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April 25, 2016
City Council Workshop Agenda

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2. Afterschool Recreation Program
3. Acceptance of a Donation of a Tree
4. Board Appointment
5. Discussion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership
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7. Executive Session - Sale of Real Property

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City of Beacon and Town and Village of Fishkill Begin Study of Police Services

Public Kick-off Presentations Scheduled for Upcoming Board Meetings

BEACON, NY – The City of Beacon, Town of Fishkill and Village of Fishkill are kicking-off a planning study with a series of presentations and discussions at board meetings in late April. Separate meetings are scheduled for each of the three municipalities involved in the study:

- A presentation to the **Fishkill Village Board** will take place at 7pm on **April 18, 2016** at Fishkill Village Hall
- A presentation to the **Fishkill Town Council** will take place at 7pm on **April 20, 2016** at Fishkill Town Hall
- A presentation to the **Beacon City Council** will take place at 7pm on **April 25, 2016** at Beacon City Hall

The meetings are open to the public, and residents and business owners are encouraged to attend to learn more about the study as it gets underway. During these meetings the study consultants will explain the goals of the project and how the public can stay engaged throughout the process. The presentations will conclude with a brief question and answer period.

A project web site has been launched to provide the public with access to the project calendar as well as reports and materials as they are developed. The web site can be accessed at <http://www.beaconfishkillpolicestudy.org>.

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The Beacon-Fishkill Area Police Services Study, which is funded through the Dutchess County Municipal Shared Services and Consolidation grant program, represents a commitment by the three municipalities to examine how police services are delivered and identify opportunities to work together toward reducing costs and enhancing the quality.

"We all know that cities, towns and villages are under a lot of pressure to do more with less," explained Beacon Mayor Randy Casale. "This is a chance for us to work with our neighbors to see if together we can do things that just aren't possible alone, and hopefully to save some money in the process."

Fishkill Town Supervisor Bob LaColla adds, "we all want the best for our community, and there is always room for improvement. This study provides a chance to look closely at how we can continue to offer residents the most cost-effective and high-quality services."

Pattern for Progress President and CEO Jonathan Drapkin explained that the study is scheduled to last through the beginning of 2017, with other opportunities for public input along the way. "We are in the very beginning of this project, and right now we're getting the lay of the land so that we can be helpful in identifying and evaluating opportunities," said Drapkin. "We plan to host several additional public meetings in the coming months to check in with residents and businesses as the study progresses, so that the final conclusions and recommendations can better represent the communities' wants and needs when it comes to police services."

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*City of Beacon, NY
Town of Fishkill, NY
Village of Fishkill, NY*

Presentation to Beacon City Council

Beacon City Hall

Monday, April 25th, 2016

7:00 PM

Presented By



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Introductions



- **Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, Newburgh, NY**
 - Jonathan Drapkin, Project Manager
 - Joe Czajka, Senior Researcher



- **Rondout Consulting, Kingston NY**
 - Tim Weidemann, Lead Researcher
 - Richard Weidemann, Research Assistant

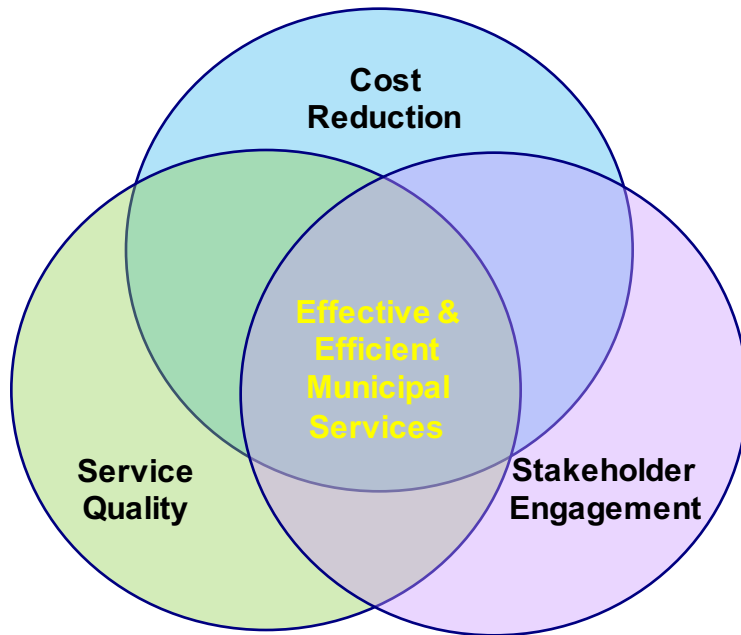


- **Fairweather Consulting, New Paltz NY**
 - Peter Fairweather, Project Advisor



We'll Keep Coming Back to the Study Goals

Objectives of the Police Services Study



Cost Reduction

The study seeks to identify ways of reducing the cost of police services for all three municipalities. This goal is especially relevant in the context of the tax cap and the tax freeze credit.

Service Quality

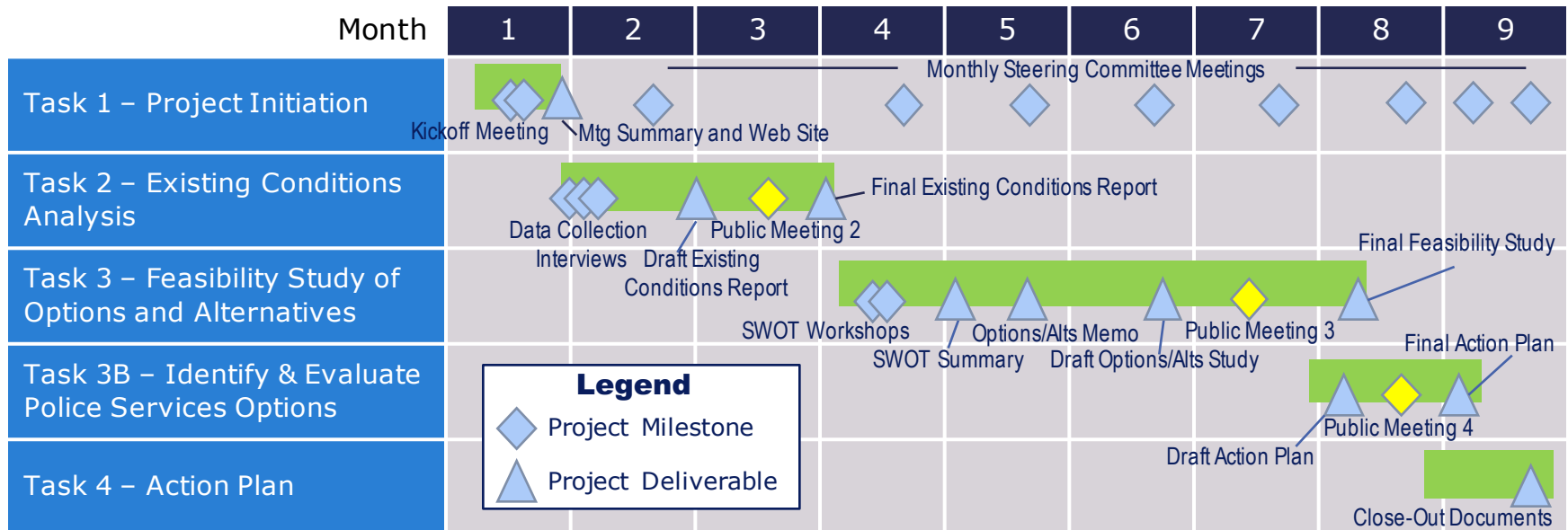
Reducing cost is essential, but so is the continuity of critical public safety services. The study seeks to find new opportunities that would maintain or improve service quality, even as costs are reduced.

Stakeholder Engagement

It's not enough to do a good study. The process of developing the study has to engage and inform the right people in the right ways. Targeted engagement helps make the study results grounded in reality and widely embraced by the community.



Project Tasks and Timeline



3 additional public meetings later during the study

- Review of existing conditions (May/June)
- Review of feasibility study (September)
- Presentation of action plan and final report (November)



Project Web Site Overview

www.BeaconFishkillPoliceStudy.org

Info about the project

Project calendar

Study documents

Contact us

The screenshot shows the website's header with a search bar, navigation menu, and main content area. The navigation menu includes: Home, News & Announcements, Meeting Calendar, Project Documents, Project Toolkit, Questions, and Contact Us. The main content area features a welcome message and a list of quick tips.

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About This Site
This site is intended to inform residents about the Police Services Study, and to provide a way for residents to give feedback and input that will help guide the study's progress. Thanks for visiting!

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Welcome to the Beacon-Fishkill Area Police Services Study Website!


This site is part of the ongoing Police Services Study involving the City of Beacon, the Town of Fishkill and the Village of Fishkill, in Dutchess County New York. The Study began in early 2016, and is expected to continue throughout most of the year. This web site is an important part of the efforts of the Study Steering Committee to reach out to residents for input and feedback throughout the study process.

A couple of **quick tips** on using the web site:

1. If you're looking for opportunities to come out and voice your opinion, check the [Events Calendar](#) for upcoming public meetings. As these events approach, more details will be added about the date, time, and location.
2. If you're wondering what a Police Services Study is, and what the process of studying police services means (and doesn't mean), you might want to start by reading through the [Police Services Study Toolkit](#).
3. If you want to keep up with the latest project documents and study materials, that's what the [Project Documents](#) page is for.



Your Input – Hopes & Concerns

 **Beacon-Fishkill Area Police Services Study** **Study Steering Committee Meeting March 8, 2016**
City of Beacon | Town of Fishkill | Village of Fishkill

Committee Kick-Off Meeting – Your Input

Municipal Service Reorganization Studies always involve some discussion of sensitive topics – changes in taxes, loss of employment, questions of service quality. To hit the ground running, we need your help. From what you know now, what are your hopes and concerns about the project? What do you think the biggest hopes and concerns from the community will be? Please provide enough explanation for us to follow your thinking. Remember we're new here!

NOTE: we'll ask you to share your responses, but you don't have to. You can consider your comments anonymous and confidential.

What are YOUR hopes for this study?	What do you think the COMMUNITY hopes for?
What are YOUR concerns about this study?	What concerns do you think the COMMUNITY has?

- What are YOUR hopes for this project?
 - What would you consider “success” for the project?

- What are YOUR concerns?
 - What would make the project a failure in your mind?

- If you think there are other hopes and concerns in your community, write those in the right-hand column

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From: [Randy Casale](#)
To: [Elizabeth Evans](#)
Cc: [Anthony Ruggiero](#)
Subject: FW: Tree
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:55:09 PM

[Put this on work shop for Monday](#)

From: Daniel McElduff [mailto:dmcelduff@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Randy Casale <rcj52@optonline.net>
Subject: Tree

Here is the draft if speech.

Dear Members of the City Council, I am here today to inform you of my family's desire to carry out a beautification project that we believe benefits the community and also allows us to memorialize our affection for those responsible for making Beacon our home.

My parents, Mary and Michael McElduff, were both immigrants from Ireland. They came here seeking a better life for themselves with hopes of being able to find work, and maybe raise a family in a place that had all of the good things of their homeland, and none of the bad. Their difficult journeys across the sea led them to each other, and after they were married, led them both to Beacon. Here is where they built their home and their lives.

My father was a regional manager for a grocery store chain and became an owner of some local stores when the parent company sold their stores. My parents also owned and operated a liquor store. The businesses were all located on Main Street, here in Beacon. Together, my parents ran their businesses and their home and raised a family of eight. They were wonderful examples for my siblings and I and the three generations that have followed. We now number in the hundreds. Many of their descendants, like me, remain as residents of Beacon. We strive to follow them in faith filled lives of service to our family and community. We've been known to have a lot of fun while we are at it.

All of us McElduffs gather every five years to celebrate the gift of family. Our celebration on the day of our reunion begins with mass at St. Johns Church on Willow St. It's where my parents registered as parishioners when they made Beacon their home and where many of us were baptized and married. It is less than a block from the home my parents built on Oak Street. Our church holds many memories for us,; most of them happy, some sad, but all experienced within the comfort and strength of our family's love and faith.

Across the street from St. John's is a city park that is home to the beautiful bronze statue that recognizes the anniversaries of the important contributions of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton. Until recently the beauty of the statue was enhanced by a beautiful tree.

We would like to fill that void by planting a tree and bearing all costs as a contribution to the beautification of our city. We would also like to honor my parents by placing a bronze plaque which commemorates their love, and our love of this city, which is where we have all enjoyed blessings and freedoms that few communities in the world could match, and none could exceed.

We hope you agree that a new tree is a good idea and that our plan is a good one. It allows us to give to our beloved city and to honor my parents in the neighborhood they chose to build their lives.

I have discussed this proposal with Mayor Casale and will work with the city administrator and all department heads to ensure that the project meets all requirements and the interests of our fellow residents. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Discussion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership

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ADOPTED
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15

Resolution Calling Upon Congress to Reject the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement

WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a new trade agreement that has been negotiated among the United States and 12 or more Pacific Rim countries by the U.S. Trade Representative (an office in the Executive branch) in secret, without consultation with our elected officials but in consultation with many transnational corporations that will benefit from its rules, and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2015, the Tompkins County Legislature by a twelve to one vote approved Resolution No. 74 opposing the fast-tracking of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement whereby it cannot be amended but only, after a ninety-day period, be voted up or down, and

WHEREAS, fast-track legislation has since passed Congress, and now the text of the TPP has been made public and concerns have only grown about this and similar trade policies, and

WHEREAS, U.S. trade deals for the past 25 years have been corporate-driven, incorporating rules that skew benefits to economic elites, resulting in working families bearing the brunt of such policies, and

WHEREAS, the long decline of the American manufacturing base—exacerbated by bad trade policies that reward outsourcing—has undermined our economic security and poses a direct threat to our national security, and

WHEREAS, the offshoring of manufacturing increases global air and sea transport thereby adding to the carbon footprint of imported goods and increasing greenhouse gas emissions, leading to further global warming and extreme weather, and

WHEREAS, the disproportionate voice of powerful United States and multinational global corporations in the formation of U.S. “free trade” agreements has advanced an agenda that undermines human rights, environmental protection, the public interest and threatens democracy at all levels of government, and

WHEREAS, President Obama in support of fast-tracking the TPP, assured all Americans that our best interests would be protected, and

WHEREAS, the 1994 North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA; which governs most trade between the United States, Canada, and Mexico), and most subsequent U.S. trade deals include special legal rights for foreign investors, known as “investor-to-state dispute settlement” or ISDS, that allow foreign firms to bypass state and federal courts to challenge state and local laws, regulations, and administrative, and judicial decisions in secret international tribunals, and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2015, Congress passed an omnibus spending bill that included repeal of the “COOL” (country-of-origin labeling) law that required meat to be so labeled—a law that had been in place since the 2008 Farm Bill, that had previously been challenged many times by Mexico and Canada under NAFTA and for which the World Trade Organization tribunals finally threatened to impose billions of dollars in sanctions on the United States, which was sufficient impetus for Congress to delete the law, and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2016, TransCanada, the Canadian company that proposed the Keystone XL oil pipeline, announced that it is filing two lawsuits challenging the legality of President Obama’s November decision

denying the pipeline its border-crossing permit because of the project’s predictable addition to greenhouse gas emissions that will worsen climate instability and also that it will file a separate petition under NAFTA for violating four separate NAFTA clauses and asking the United States be required to pay not only the approximate \$3 billion TransCanada has already “invested” in the pipeline but also an additional approximate \$15 billion of lost future earnings, and

WHEREAS, New York State’s fracking ban and Tompkins County’s microbead-free waters law could be similarly vulnerable to challenge, and

WHEREAS, given the enactment of fast track trade negotiating authority, states, localities, and their citizens have no opportunity to correct shortcomings of the now-public TPP text and Congress cannot follow normal Congressional procedure that permits full hearings and amendments but can only vote the agreement as presented up or down, and

WHEREAS, the TPP would have direct, potentially undesirable consequences for our county, its residents, its local businesses, and its ecological systems on which all life depends, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic Development Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature calls upon our federal elected officials - Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Congressman Tom Reed - to oppose the TPP,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature calls upon our elected officials in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to oppose any similar trade deals, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Agreement (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), if they fail to restructure the policies that have failed the American public in the past, by

- (1) Excluding investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) and other provisions, such as those in Chapter 8: Technical Barriers to Trade and Chapter 25: Regulatory Coherence, for example, that favor foreign companies over domestic ones and undermine public choices;
- (2) Ensuring that countries cannot undercut U.S. based producers with weaker labor and environmental laws and enforcement;
- (3) Ensuring that the U.S. will engage in robust enforcement of trade rules, including labor and environmental rules;
- (4) Including strong rules to promote economic growth and job creation in the U.S.;
- (5) Promoting high standards of protection for workers and workplaces, products, and natural resources rather than promoting a race to the bottom; and
- (6) Putting the interests of people and the planet over the interests of private profit,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature directs the Clerk of Legislature to send copies of this resolution to our elected officials in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, President Obama, Hon. Governor Andrew Cuomo, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), the National Association of Counties (NACO), and to the Clerk of each County legislative body in New York State.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature on January 19, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Legislature at Ithaca, New York, on January 20, 2016.



Catherine Covert, Clerk
Tompkins County Legislature

- 1) Why should local government be concerned with "world trade"?**
- 2) More on ISDS and corporate tribunals and examples of actions:**
- 3) Economic effects: Trade Deficit, Jobs—abandoned factories**
- 4) UNENFORCEABILITY of Labor Provisions**
- 5) Other dangerous provisions**
- 6)-Countering China, CLOSING STATEMENT**

Why should local government be concerned with "world trade"?

We are using this Council's time tonight to ask you to take action to protect your constituents against the depredations of national trade policy, specifically the Transpacific Partnership or TPP, a "free trade" agreement involving the United States and 11 other Pacific Rim countries.

The citizens of Beacon, whose population is about 16,000, expect to be taken care of by their elected officials; the "average citizens" (maybe 25% of whom vote in local elections) do not want to be concerned with the complexities and boring details of budgeting, fixing pot holes, zoning, or city planning. They are not experts in these fields, and they don't want to be. *You don't see many of them here tonight:* usually, you will only hear from them with individual problems, at tax time, when the streets aren't plowed, or to take care of that pothole.

Neither are your citizens aware of, or interested in, the formulation and complexities of National trade policy. Unfortunately, in this area, their elected representatives on the **National** level have been failing them for the past 40 years.

the **MOST DANGEROUS PROVISION** of "free trade" deals such as the Transpacific Partnership are the Investor State Dispute Settlement (**ISDS**) provisions, which give away national, state, and local sovereignty.

if there is a potential threat to their profits, ISDS provisions give foreign corporations the right to sue in supra-national corporate courts, and overturn national, state, and local regulations.

Under ISDS, **local governments** could face challenges to their ability to pass "buy local" or "buy American" regulations, to protect locally-owned businesses, to limit urban sprawl, or to protect the city's health and environment by excluding polluting industries or industrial over-use of water.

ISDS provisions in trade agreements constitute a direct and insidious **threat** to the Constitution of the United States. Such a grave threat has not been seen since the 2nd World War, and therefore:

It is imperative that **governmental units at all levels** express their concern to their individual congressional representatives, and to **the leaders** of the Senate and House of Representatives.

We therefore ask the Beacon City Council to pass a **non-binding resolution** designating the City of Beacon as a "TPP free zone", and send it to the appropriate national representatives.

Thank You

More on ISDS and corporate tribunals and examples of actions:

Under Investor State Dispute Settlement provisions of NAFTA, the North American Free Trade agreement, there are \$38 billion dollars in pending claims between Mexico, Canada and the USA.

In addition to this \$38 billion, the recent claim by TransCanada Corporation, is asking for \$15 Billion from the United States in compensation under NAFTA for lost profits due to the Obama Administration's rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Methyl/cyclo/penta/dienyl manga-nese tri/carbon/yl, or MMT, an organic manganese compound, is a gasoline additive banned in the United States for health reasons.

The Canadian government passed regulations against the importation of this chemical in 1995, at which point the maker of MMT, the Ethyl Corp. contested the ban with a lawsuit under NAFTA. Rather than face a legal battle, the government paid a \$20-million settlement to Ethyl Corp., wrote a letter of apology and agreed to withdraw the ban on MMT. MMT is still one of the many chemicals added to the gasoline that Canadians pump today.

In October 1996, Metalclad Corporation, a US waste-disposal company, sued the Mexican government under Chapter 11 of NAFTA when the Mexican state of San Luis Potosi refused it permission to re-open a waste disposal facility. The State Governor had ordered the site closed down after a geological audit showed the facility would contaminate the local water supply, and then declared the site part of a 600,000 acre ecological zone. Metalclad claimed that this constituted an act of expropriation and was eventually awarded \$16.7 million in compensation

On **May 18, 2015** the World Trade Organization (**WTO**) ruled against US country-of-origin **meat labeling regulations**, which require labeling of pork and beef products sold in this country to **inform** consumers where animals were born, raised, and slaughtered.

Under the TPP (or NAFTA), **would the City of Beacon** be able to fend off a foreign company's challenge to a future City regulation or law designed to protect citizens' financial wealth being, health, or the local environment?

Approval of the Transpacific Partnership will allow corporations to ride roughshod over environmental regulations of Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, Chile, and Peru. Besides destroying the local environment, we cannot expect any corporation doing business in these countries to honor any agreement to limit carbon pollution which contributes to global warming and rising sea levels.

The City of Miami Beach is beginning to disappear due to rising sea levels. What will **Beacon's waterfront** look like in at high tide after another 30, 50 or 100 years of climate change? What will our grandchildren see? What will be the **cost** to maintain low lying infrastructure?

Economic effects of US trade policy: Trade Deficit, Jobs—abandoned factories

Undeniable **FACT**: America had a **\$722 billion** *trade deficit* in 2014, which has been growing annually.

The controversial American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was President Obama's economic stimulus package. This **\$787 billion** plan was judged to be a great success. The USA can not afford to send **3/4 trillion dollars a year** overseas and preserve its standard of living. That's a great economic **stimulus** for other countries and a **negative** stimulus for the USA.

Another **fact** that can't be spun: in **1979**, the USA and China granted each other "most favored nation" trading status;

Fact-- in **1980**, America went from being a **creditor nation to a debtor nation**. Real income for 98% of Americans has not increased since then, and the American middle class has been steadily shrinking.

No one is arguing that the Transpacific Partnership will create American jobs. Job retraining (Trade Adjustment Assistance) is currently available to counter the job losses from free trade deals.

The effects of the NAFTA on employment are debated; some (incredibly) argue that there was no net job loss due to NAFTA; these arguments don't convince residents of the state of Michigan, which went from being one of the most prosperous states in the country to an economic disaster. A tour of the Midwest will reveal 15,000 vacant factories from the last 40 years.

Job losses from NAFTA are continuing.

The Ford Motor Company has announced it is opening factories, and creating automobile manufacturing jobs **in Mexico**.

The maker of **Oreos**, the Mondelez Corporation, formerly the National Biscuit Company, is sending 600 jobs from Chicago to Mexico.

Under the Transpacific Partnership, American workers will be forced into wage competition with workers in Chile and Peru (\$2 an hour), Vietnam (65 cents an hour), Malaysia (low wages and slave labor), and the Sultanate of Brunei (Sharia law, probable slave labor)

Now is the time to stop the exporting of America's jobs and wealth.
Thank you

UNENFORCEABILITY of Labor Provisions:

The idea is put forward by proponents of the TPP, which Secretary of State Clinton called the "Gold Standard of Trade Agreements" before she changed her mind, that **this** free trade agreement will **improve** the lives of workers in signing countries where other free trade agreements **admittedly failed** in the past.

It will not.

- 1) **If** the governments of Vietnam, Malaysia, and the Sultanate of Brunei were interested in increasing their minimum wage, allowing unions, banning child and slave labor, or increasing worker safety, they would have done it by now.
- 2) Whatever "mandates" are in the agreement are weak or meaningless; for example, the TPP calls for a minimum wage to be established, but makes no specifications; the minimum wage could be **1 cent per hour**.
- 3) Only national **governments** have **standing** to enforce provisions of the treaty, to initiate action against offending countries. Will the United States government "go to bat" for foreign workers? Probably not.
 - A) Note the **opposition** in the United States itself to unions, worker protection under OSHA (*Occupational Health and Safety Administration*), and to increasing the minimum wage.
 - B) The **Obama** administration, in order to get Fast Track approval for the **TPP** in 2015, **UPGRADED** Malaysia from a **tier 3** to a **tier 2** Human Trafficking country.
 - C) In 1991, Hillary Clinton's State Dept. **intervened** on behalf of Levi's, Hanes, and Fruit of the Loom corporations to prevent the minimum wage in **Haiti** from going from 24 cents an hour to 61 cents an hour; the Corporations wanted, and got, 31 cents an hour.
- 4) As Senator Jeff Merkeley pointed out at the Senate debate on Fast Track, Due to the threat of retaliation, there is great reluctance to "rock the boat". If the United States asks to enforce standards, the reply will be, paraphrasing Seinfeld's Soup Nazi: "**no more factories with cheap labor for you**" or perhaps "Maybe we'll limit some of your imports after all."
- 5) The **one (1) and only** case brought under free trade agreements was initiated by the AFL-CIO and Guatemalan unions, who filed a complaint in 2008, under **CAFTA**, the Central American Free Trade Agreement. The US government finally moved the case to arbitration in 2014. The case is still being negotiated now in 2016. In the meantime, from 2007 to 2014, More than **70** trade unionists were murdered in Guatemala.

The only provisions of the Transpacific Partnership that will be enforced will be those that have a reward in profits. We can surmise that **Workers' rights** will not be given much importance, if any. Thank You

Other dangerous provisions, Unexpected Consequences

The TPP would also mean the end of internet freedom as we know it. It would expand corporate **copyright enforcement** at the expense of privacy and free speech. It would **criminalize** tinkering and modifying products under fair use purposes. And, it would allow corporations prosecute violators **not** in American courts, but in the same tribunals that are used to undermine environmental and consumer protections under **ISDS** provisions.

We will probably be able to post photos and videos to Facebook, but we will **be paying** for it. I predict we will see a pop-up saying: "there is a \$1.00 charge to post this material. Would you like to put your credit card on file?"

This concept was vetoed by Congress when it refused to pass SOPA, the "Stop Online Piracy Act" a few years ago, but will become a reality with the TPP.

Patent rights on **drugs** will be extended. As a result, there will be a longer time before generic copies are allowed, and Pharmaceutical companies will be **charging more for drugs**. In poorer countries life saving medicines will become more unaffordable.

Believe it or not, there are **Chapters** that won't become public until **4 years after** the treaty is approved.

There are **Clauses** that would make the (TPP) a "**living agreement**...to enable the updating of the agreement as appropriate..." Meaning the agreement could be **changed after** the agreement is approved by Congress. **One** area that might be "updated" is allowing other countries, notably China, to join, **without** Congressional approval.

One of the "**unintended consequences**" of NAFTA was that the importation of cheap American corn, mechanically produced and also subsidized by American taxpayers, undercut the price of Mexican corn, and drove millions of Mexican farmers and families off their lands. These millions immigrated to the United States, worsening an immigration problem, or were recruited by Mexican drug gangs.

What will happen when American **Rice** is imported into **Vietnam**, and drives millions of peasants from their land? Will a situation arise similar to what is happening now in Syria, when the worst two years of drought in 900years drove 1.5 million Syrians into the cities, where they were not taken care of by a despotic **Assad**? Thank you.

COUNTERING CHINA AND CLOSING

President Obama's ultimate argument for the TPP is that "we" need it to counter "China's influence in the region". We don't want China to "write the rules".

Is Obama is talking about **economic influence**? Sorry, Mr. President, that horse left the barn when China was granted "most favored nation" trade status in 1979. Since then, thanks to the efforts of the **United States of America**, the Chinese economy has grown to be the second most powerful in the world.

We currently have trade agreements with **all of the TPP countries** except Malaysia, Vietnam, and the Sultanate of Brunei. Is this massive agreement needed to trade with these countries whose combined economies constitute **1%** of the World's Gross Domestic Product?

Is the President talking about **military influence**?

In ages past, Governments helped out their traders by conquering foreign lands, setting up colonies and exploiting their resources, and fighting wars against other colonial powers. In return, governments collected import and export tariffs. Those days are gone; now, corporations use the power of money to establish hegemony. Why go to war when you can purchase a government, or economic rights to a region, for mere billions?

Is there a need for **military bases** in Malaysia, Vietnam, and Brunei? Is there any scenario in which China would engage in a "hot" war with the United States, who is the principal source of its wealth, and who owes it hundreds of billions of dollars? The leaders of China are capitalists; they are not crazy, nor are they stupid.

As Sherlock Holmes said, "If you've eliminated all other possibilities, whatever remains must be the truth"

The **truth that remains** is that the Transpacific Partnership offers **no benefit** to American workers, **no benefit** to American prescription drug users, **no benefit** to American Internet users, and it **overrides** the American Constitution. What **remains** is the fact that it benefits some exporters and international corporations.

The Transpacific Partnership and the "free trade" agreements of the past 20 years are **in reality** simply massive giveaways for **Corporations**. The **TPP** in fact was negotiated in secret with the "advice and consent" of more than 500 corporate advisors, and with no input by Congress, which is charged by the Constitution to "regulate commerce with Foreign nations"

Our American Constitution starts with "**We the people....**" Its purpose is to "promote the general welfare" of the people, not to establish or support corporate, or any other form of domination over them.

I am concerned with protecting American liberty and economic well being, and I am asking the City Council for help in that task. Please pass a non-binding resolution declaring the City of Beacon to be a "TPP Free Zone" and lend the **voice** of the people of Beacon to the opposition to this outrageous trade deal, which is an **affront** to everything we as Americans stand for.

TO BE VOTED ON BY CONGRESS

The **Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)** is a 1,000+ page "free trade" agreement (similar to the infamous **NAFTA**) being pushed by President **Obama** and some new found **Republican** friends, who are *also* under the influence of Corporate campaign contributors.

BIGGEST LIE about the TPP: "Free trade creates jobs and is great for the middle class". Guess what? In 1990, US trade comprised **8.9% of GDP**; in 2013, trade comprised **13.5%**. That's a **65% increase!** Contrary to the grandiose "free trade" promises, America's middle class shrank from 1990 to 2013, and real wages for 98% of Americans flatlined.

A **FACT** that can't be twisted, spun, or denied--America's **\$722 billion** (2014) trade deficit: The USA can't afford to send **3/4 trillion dollars a year** overseas and preserve its standard of living. With the start of the free trade era in **1980**, America went from being a **creditor nation to a debtor nation**, and real income for 98% of Americans has not increased.

MOST DANGEROUS PROVISION: "free trade" deals give away national, state, and local sovereignty, using Investor State Dispute Settlement (**ISDS**) provisions.

Under the **TPP**, if a corporation felt that its **profits** were compromised, it could sue in a world court or other world judiciary body to **overrule** governmental laws or regulations which threatened their profits, staffed by the very corporate advisors currently negotiating this treaty.

On **May 18, 2015** the World Trade Organization (**WTO**) ruled against US country-of-origin **meat labeling regulations**, which require labelling of pork and beef products sold in this country to **inform** consumers where animals were born, raised, and slaughtered. When this ruling is extended to other products, **patriots** who want to "buy American" will be out of luck.

The TPP was negotiated in **virtual secrecy**. Before its release, most of what we knew about the actual document came from Wikileaks. 600 corporate "advisors" had complete access to negotiations, while the United States Congress, empowered under **Article I, Section 8** of the Constitution "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations", was excluded from the process.

Internet freedoms and innovation will be lost.
Pharmaceutical companies will be **charging more for drugs**.

More **mind-boggling** provisions:

Chapters that won't become public until **4 years after** the treaty is approved. ???

Clauses that would make the (TPP) a "**living agreement...to enable the updating of the agreement as appropriate...**" Meaning the agreement could be **changed** if necessary **after** the agreement is approved.

There is plenty of **information** on the Trans Pacific Partnership on the **Internet**, and entertaining and informative video on **Youtube**.

Ask for **your Congressman** at: **202-224-3121** (best chance of stopping TPP is now in the House of Representatives)

Nancy Pelosi (D) Minority Leader **202-225-4965**

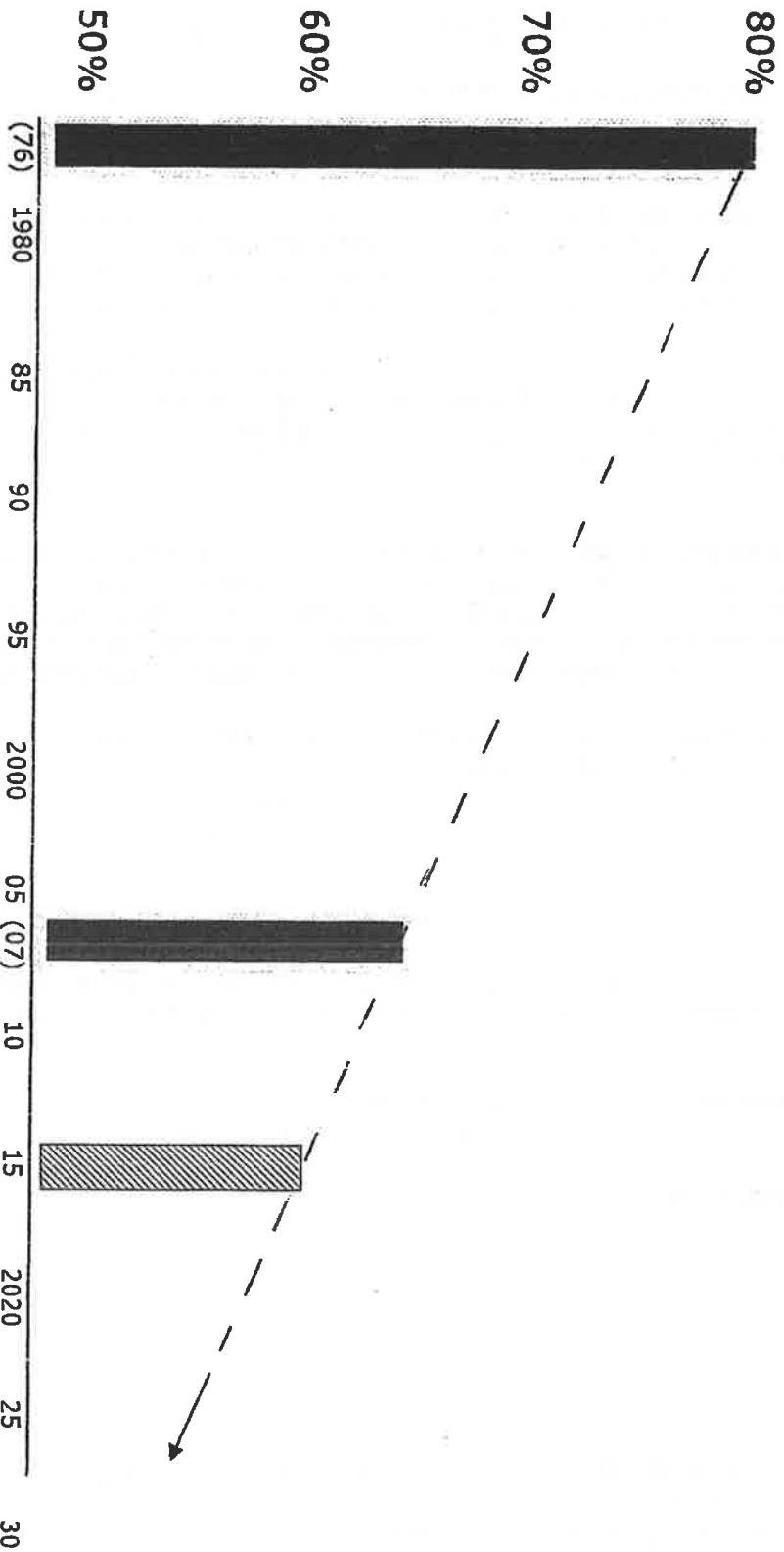
Paul Ryan (R) Speaker of the House **202-225-0600**

Find your Senator at www.senate.gov

Alert friends and relatives (especially out-of-state)--important that we all play **Paul Revere**

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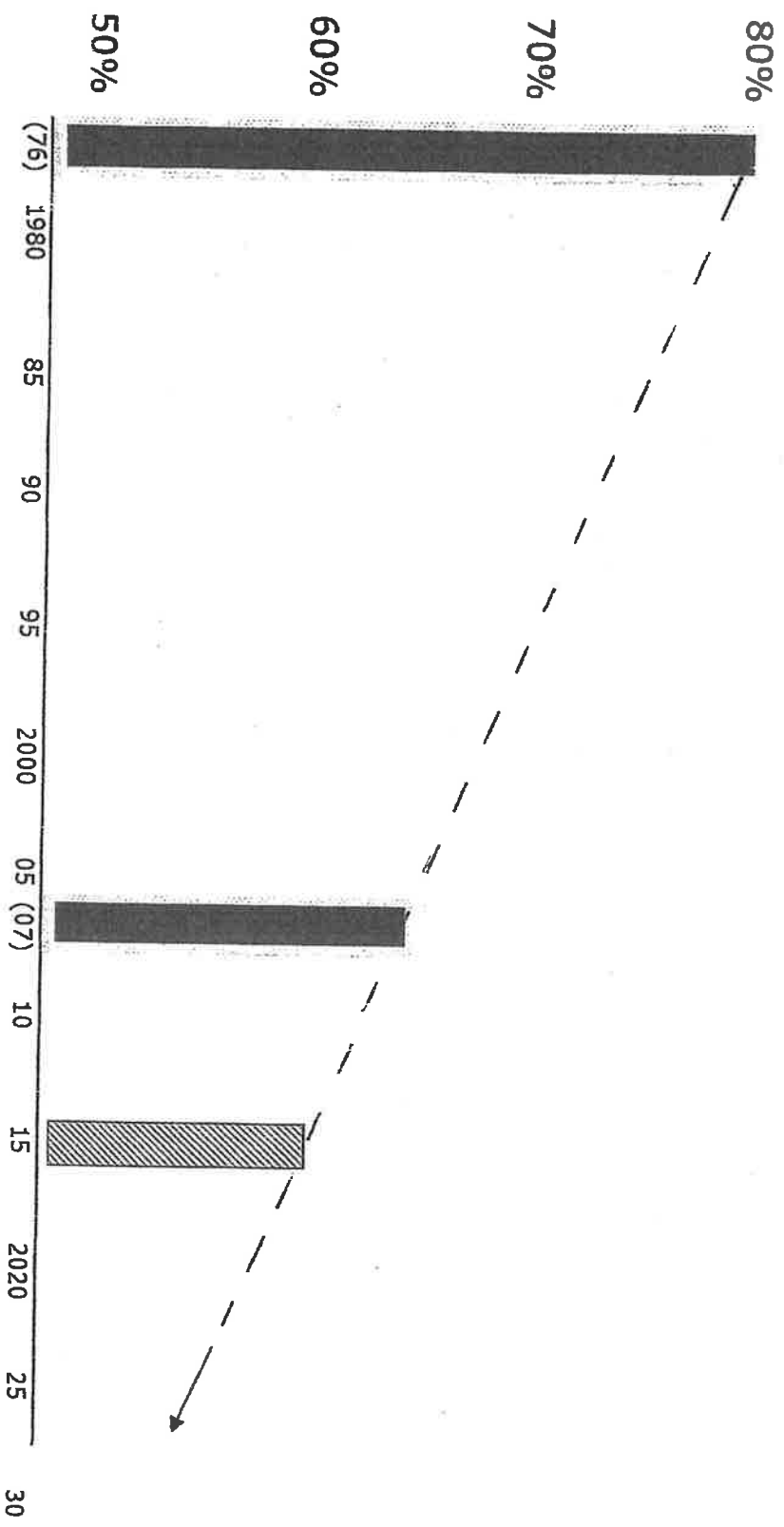


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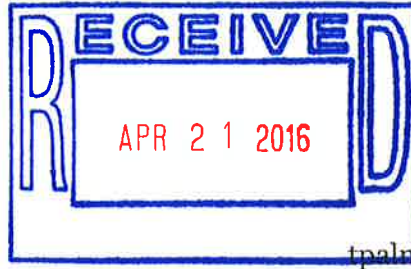
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April 19, 2016

**BY FIRST CLASS MAIL
AND E-MAIL**

Mayor Randy Casale and
Members of the City Council
City of Beacon
1 Municipal Plaza
Beacon, New York 12508

Re: 3 Churchill Street Multifamily Project
Special Permit Approval Request for Extension
Weber Projects III, LLC
Premises: 3 Churchill Street (AKA 9-11 Creek Drive), City of Beacon, New York

Dear Mayor Casale and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of Weber Projects III, LLC, (the "Applicant"), we respectfully request a six (6)-month extension of this Special Permit, as authorized by Section 223-18. of the Zoning Code.

The Applicant received Special Permit Approval on May 18, 2015, in connection with the above-captioned project. The Resolution of Approval for the Special Permit would expire if a bona-fide application for a Building Permit is not filed within one (1) year of May 18, 2015, (the date the City Council issued the Special Permit Approval); but also provided that the City Council may, in its discretion, extend this time period, and that such extensions did not require a public hearing.¹

The factors to be considered by the City Council in exercising its discretion are:²

- (1) whether there are circumstances, that have prevented the completion of the work; and
- (2) whether the developer has proceeded with reasonable diligence in an attempt to meet the time periods.

At this time, the Applicant is working to prepare and submit the formal building permit application, pending the receipt and review of the mechanical engineering drawings for the proposed development, as well as final floor plans for the application. In the interim, the Applicant has completed approximately forty percent (40%) of the excavation at the Premises, and approximately ninety percent (90%) of the utility work has been completed on the site. The

¹ See Conditions B(5)(a) & (b) in the Resolution of Approval for the Special Permit.

² See City of Beacon Zoning Code § 223-18.F(2).



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Applicant has also acted diligently in working with the City Attorney to progress the transactional documents related to the approvals for the Premises.

Given the Applicant's diligent efforts to prosecute construction on the Premises to date, the Applicant respectfully requests a six (6)-month extension, as authorized by Section 223-18.(F)(2) of the Zoning Code and Condition B(6) of the Special Permit Approval, extending the time during which a bona-fide application for a building permit may be filed until close of business on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

The Applicant appreciates the City Council's time and assistance with this matter and respectfully requests that this extension request be considered at the City Council's regular meeting on May 16, 2016. In the meantime, should the City Council, its consultants or City Staff have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy and consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.M. Palmer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Taylor M. Palmer

cc: Nicholas M. Ward-Willis, Esq., City Attorney
Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator
Jennifer Gray, Esq., Planning Board Attorney
Weber Projects III, LLC
Rodney Weber

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