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RESOLUTION #1-2026

TOWN OF NEWFANE STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF NEWFANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR LIMITED GROUNDS MAINTENANCE BY TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfane has a longstanding interest in the preservation, maintenance, and public accessibility of historic edifices and historically significant properties located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfane Historical Society is a not-for-profit historical association that owns and/or maintains historic edifices within the Town of Newfane that are open to the public and used for historical, educational, and cultural purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board annually appropriates funds in the Town budget to support the Town of Newfane Historical Society in furtherance of those public historical purposes; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has expressly authorized towns to aid, assist, and support historical societies and to contract with the trustees of historical associations for the support and maintenance of historic edifices for public use pursuant to New York Art and Cultural Affairs Law § 57.07(2); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further finds that the preservation and maintenance of historic properties used for public purposes constitutes a valid public purpose and is a proper municipal function authorized by Town Law § 64(23); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to authorize a limited, defined arrangement whereby the Town Highway Department may provide limited mowing and grounds maintenance services in support of such historic properties in furtherance of the foregoing public purposes, subject to appropriate terms, conditions, and protections for the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Newfane hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a written agreement with the Town of Newfane Historical Society for the limited purpose of providing such mowing and grounds maintenance services on property owned or controlled by the Town of Newfane Historical Society directly related to the support, preservation, and public use of historic edifices located thereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such services shall be provided only pursuant to a written agreement between the Town of Newfane and the Town of Newfane Historical Society, which agreement shall, at a minimum:

- Define the scope and frequency of the authorized services;
- Acknowledge that the services are provided in furtherance of a public historical purpose;
- Require the Town of Newfane Historical Society to indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its officers, employees, and agents to the fullest extent permitted by law;
- Require proof of insurance in form and amounts acceptable to the Town, which must include the Town of Newfane as an additional insured; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board expressly finds that the services authorized herein are undertaken pursuant to express statutory authority and in furtherance of a valid municipal and public purpose.

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York
Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026

Town Board Member

Vote

Supervisor John Syracuse

☐ Yes

☐ No

Councilman Paul Conrad

☐ Yes

☐ No

Councilman Robert Horanburg

☐ Yes

☐ No

Councilwoman Jessica Reinhardt

☐ Yes

☐ No

Councilman Peter Robinson

☐ Yes

☐ No

DATED: _____