

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Boothe River Park

Date: 8/11/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Brunette

BILL # 108-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 8/7/2025

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED: \$0

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED: \$0

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED: \$0

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Resolution reaffirming sponsorship for Boothe River Park

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

MOVED BY: Scollin      SECONDED BY: White

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: To amend

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE WHITE

yes

## RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR BOOTHE RIVER PARK

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake has long prioritized enhancing public access to and recreational use of the Saranac River, as reflected in the following formally adopted planning documents:

- the *1992 River Corridor Plan*,
- the *Local Waterfront Revitalization Program* (2004),
- the *Destination Master Plan* (2009),
- the *Comprehensive Plan* (2013),
- the *Parks Vision Plan* (2018), and
- the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Strategic Investment Plan* (2019); and

WHEREAS, the project now known as Boothe River Park was awarded \$410,616 in Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding by New York State as one of the Village's top-priority catalyst projects for enhancing downtown recreation, placemaking, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution in 2022 accepting sponsorship of the project, recognizing the leadership of the late Tom Boothe, and committing to the project's advancement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees:

1. Reaffirms its sponsorship and commitment to the Boothe River Park project as a Village-led initiative and public asset, grounded in decades of community visioning and formal planning.
2. Commits the same level of professional oversight, operational coordination, and long-term stewardship as applied to other Village-owned parks and public spaces to Boothe River Park.
3. Clarifies that the Village is authorized and expected to carry out all necessary administrative, legal, and compliance-related activities required to fulfill its obligations as project sponsor and grant recipient, including but not limited to: securing access easements, completing environmental and permitting requirements, overseeing grant writing, administration, and reporting, and facilitating any public processes necessary to meet State or Federal funding conditions. Any funding that is necessary from the normal Village operating Budget or Grant funding applied to the Boothe River Park Project must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.
4. Maintains the Village's original intent to avoid burdening taxpayers with construction costs.
5. Recognizes the substantial contributions of the "Friends of Boothe River Park", whose volunteer time, public events, and outreach efforts have helped build community momentum and awareness complementing the Village's leadership and responsibility in bringing the project to fruition.