NECC RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NUMBER ____ ADDRESSING BRIDGE SURFACING AND TRAIL DESIGN IN RJSP

Whereas the dangers inherent in the wooden decking of the bridges presently in RJSP have been repeatedly presented to Parks and Rec. planners, and

Whereas, Park and Rec planners have acknowledge for years that plain wooden decking so close to the water surface in these areas render the surface of these bridges extremely slippery any time there is any precipitation, and

Whereas Parks and Rec planners have indicated that they have been looking at a variety of solutions to address slippery bridges for years, and

Whereas, some of the those solutions can be seen at Westchester Lagoon and other locations, and

Whereas Parks and Rec have done nothing about the situation at RJSP other than to put up one sign (viewable from only one direction) that says that the bridge is extremely slippery, and

Whereas quite a few people have been injured trying to turn onto or walking across the bridge closest to the spring that is located on the multiuse trail at the base of the hill, and

Whereas the design of that trail, which places a now crumbling bridge immediately before a T that connects the Chalet to Pine, increases risk of injury as it makes it dangerous to "lean" into a turn or try to stop on the bridge on any bicycle, and

Whereas most of the traffic through the park uses the path running from along Boniface to Pine making that bridge one of the most intensively used bridges in the MOA, and

Whereas the public has been advised that Parls and Rec are planning to replace bridges and trails along the path described, but no public notice regarding design or construction has been publicly provided, and

Whereas if the trail and bridges are to be reconstructed (as they should be as they are crumbling) in the near furutre, it is critical that the public be heard on any design concerns now,

Now Therefore the NECC resolves that Parks and Rec need to replace the bridge at the base of the trail referenced, realign the trail to provide a \sim 50' radius turn from the downhill to Pine which would include a steel bridge such as is in place along the south fork of Chester Creek near Foxhall Dr. (possible at a location \sim 50' north or south of the current crossing, and no later than Spring 2019 provide some covering for all RJSP bridges to reduce the danger of slipping on the bridges.

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SECRETARY		PRESIDENT	
VOTE: FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	