

## TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
BERRY BRICK HOUSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Berry Brick House on West Queen Street is an architecturally historic property, owned and occupied by Ken and Linda Ostrand, who received an award from the Hillsborough Historic District Commission for their restoration and renovation of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ostrands have offered to donate the Berry Brick House to the Town of Hillsborough at whatever time in the future they are no longer able to live there, to ensure the preservation of this historic site and for the community to use the house as an artist-in-residence program; and

**WHEREAS**, restrictions on use of the property are minimal, specifically that the property would not be sub-divided or sold, and that it would be used for an artist-in-residence function, artist very broadly defined; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ostrands desire to leave the house specifically to the town rather than a non-profit organization, given the town's continuity as an entity is more assured. As the town does not provide arts programming resources (and is unlikely to do so in the future), it is assumed the town would make the property available to one or more partner organizations in exchange for running a suitable artist-in-residence program and maintaining the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsborough Arts Council (HAC) is interested in taking the lead in this regard at whatever future time the house would become available. While acknowledging there are many unknowns that cannot reasonably be addressed until a future time, the HAC is enthusiastic in this opportunity; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners supports acceptance of the property from the Ostrands when and how they deem it best to convey it to the Town of Hillsborough. The board authorizes the town manager, town attorney, and mayor to proceed with appropriate due diligence and legal document execution. Included in the due diligence, as deemed appropriate and mutually desired, letters of understanding between the town and the Hillsborough Arts Council.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019



Tom Stevens, Mayor  
Town of Hillsborough