

In accordance with the Governor's March 13, 2020 Executive Order 202.1, until further notice meetings will be held via videoconferencing. The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held via video conference (ZOOM) on June 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. due to the COVID-19 Virus.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Peter Parsons
Council Members	Jane Crimmins, Tony Gonçalves, Richard Sklarin and Daniel Welsh
Town Clerk	Janet L. Donohue
Absent	None

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Gregory Folchetti, Facilities Maintenance Director Joel Smith, Police Chief David Alfano, Park & Recreation Superintendent Dana Mayclim and Confidential Secretary/Benefits Coordinator Mary Hafter.

Approximately 70 participants were on the call.

Supervisor Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the following statement:

I am Supervisor Peter Parsons, and I call to order the Town of Lewisboro Town Board meeting for Monday, June 14, 2020 at 7:36 pm. Before I go any further, I want to confirm that Joel has started recording this meeting. In accordance with the governor's executive order #202.1, this meeting is being conducted via Zoom. That link has been provided to the public so they can view the meeting and we have confirmed that the feed is active and working. I have confirmed with Janet Donohue, our Town Clerk, that the meeting has been duly noticed and legal notice requirements fulfilled. Notice has been placed on the Town of Lewisboro website and included in the email distributions from the Town.

With me on this Zoom conference meeting from the Town of Lewisboro are:

- *Members of the Town Board: Jane Crimmins, Tony Gonçalves, Richard Sklarin and Dan Welsh. We have a quorum and can vote on any matters that come before the board.*
- *Town Attorney Gregory Folchetti*
- *Town Clerk Janet Donohue*
- *Joel Smith Facilities Maintenance Director*

At the public comment periods we ask that only the following persons will be permitted to speak:

- *Residents of the Town of Lewisboro or Katonah-Lewisboro School District*
- *Owners of property in the Town of Lewisboro*
- *Employees of the Town of Lewisboro*

*If you want to speak at the public hearing or make a public comment, please raise your hand at the appropriate time. To do that, if you are on zoom, put your curser at the bottom of the window and you should see an image of people labeled participants. Click on that to get a panel on the right-hand side, with icons at the bottom. You can then click raise hand. Participants who have raised their hand will show up on the host screen in the order that you raise your hand. The host will then unmute you and tell you that you have the floor. You may also have to unmute yourself if your microphone is not active. If you dialed in on a phone, you can raise your hand to indicate you want to talk by pressing *9. We will ask people to give their name and which hamlet they live in upon entering, and to keep their comments to 2 minutes (our Town Clerk will be keeping time*

and you will hear a timer at the end of the 2 minutes). If someone is disrespectful or uses profanity at this meeting, they will be asked to leave the virtual meeting, just as they would be asked to leave a physical meeting. Please remember that your camera is on and profanity will not be tolerated in any form, including gestures and acronyms and comments are limited to policies and not to attack individual people.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I (7:35 – 7:39 p.m. – Limited to Cannabis Only)

A total of two residents spoke and both were against opting in now to sell cannabis. They feel more information should be obtained before opting in now and anything done before that time would just be a cash grab. Another resident feels that the town needs to fix what is broken first, Oakridge water, and help current local businesses.

COMMUNICATIONS (7:51 – 7:54 p.m.)

RESIGNATION – OSPAC Member

Supervisor Parsons stated that Open Space and Preserves Advisory Committee member Tim Farrow is resigning as he is moving out of town. The Board thanked him for all of his work on the committee.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Appointment of Member

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Ms. Crimmins, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does appoint Doris Peter as Chair of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee ending December 31, 2021.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Retirement Letter

Supervisor Parsons stated that he received a letter of retirement from Highway Employee Rob Wakemen. The Board thanked Mr. Wakemen for his years of service.

COVID-19 – Updates

Supervisor Parsons stated that as of June 10, 2021, the Northeastern towns had the following Covid cases: Pound Ridge – 0, Lewisboro – 2, Bedford – 3, North Salem – 5, and Somers – 5. Residents with at least one vaccination are as follows in the Town of Lewisboro; Goldens Bridge

– 73%, Waccabuc – 64%, Katonah – 61% and South Salem – 53%. Supervisor Parson urged all residents to get vaccinated.

SIDEWALKS – Request

Supervisor Parsons stated that Mr. Gonçalves submitted a request to Senator Schumer, along with the endorsement of Peter Harckham for sidewalks in the three hamlets of Cross River, Vista and Goldens Bridge.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES & REPORTS - Approved

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Gonçalves, the minutes of the May 10th, May 24th and June 4th, 2021 Town Board meetings were approved and the May, 2021 monthly reports for the Building & the Police Departments were received and filed.

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

Mr. Sklarin questioned why the aided cases and alarms went up in the Police reports. Chief Alfano stated that he felt the alarms had increased as residents are going back to work. He also stated that since there are 2 officers per shift, that is why the aided cases increased.

CANNABIS – Discussion (7:46 – 8:33 p.m.)

Supervisor Parsons stated that the town would need to opt out by July 19th, 2021 and the town needs to decide what they are going to do. The State is asking the towns to make a decision without a lot of information. Supervisor Parsons read the below that he circulated to the Town Board:

CANNABIS FACTS

- *It is estimated that 50% of the population indulges in recreational cannabis and that this figure does not much vary across income groups. Experience in other states where it has been legalized is that use increases in the first year of legalization but then declines back to prior levels.*
- *New York is the fifteenth State, not including D.C., to legalize recreational use.*
- *Municipalities are able to opt out of having retail dispensaries or smoking lounges within their boundaries. Towns have no control over any other related activities so whatever we decide our residents can smoke cannabis wherever they are allowed to smoke tobacco. Residents can also order deliveries of cannabis to their homes from other towns and will be able to grow up to four plants (six for a couple) on their property subject to rules which are not yet written.*

- *A cannabis Control Board (CCB) with 5 members will be appointed by 1/1/2022 in order to establish the rules for the sale of cannabis. In addition there will be an Office of Cannabis Management which will handle administration and be modeled on the NYS Liquor Authority. One difference will be that comments by the municipality must be answered by the Office of Cannabis Management.*
- *Unfortunately, Municipal Boards must make their decision on whether to opt out before July 19, 2021. The reasons for deciding to opt in are convenience for those residents who wish to purchase and a revenue stream for the Town of 3% of sales made within the town. If we were to wish to opt in after that date we can but the odds are that it will be difficult by that time to reap the direct revenue rewards because our residents will become accustomed to buying elsewhere. More important is the potential damage to our retail businesses from encouraging our residents to do much more than their shopping for cannabis outside of our town. Vista already suffers from residents preferring Scott's Corners and preliminary indications are that cannabis dispensaries will be allowed in Pound Ridge and Katonah – I believe New Canaan, North Salem and Somers are planning to opt out – I do not know about Ridgefield.*
- *The Cato Institute's study provides no support for arguments either in favor or against the legal sale of cannabis.*
- *Dispensaries are required to be 500' from school property and 200' from places of worship. The Town will be able to pass further zoning restrictions such as restricting hours or a concentration of dispensaries but if these restrictions make dispensaries unreasonably impractical, they will be voided by the CCA.*
- *Granted the quantity of out-of-town traffic on our roads, policing is unlikely to be much affected whichever way we opt.*
- *My own opinion is that we should allow dispensaries for the reasons I have given but opt out of smoking parlors in a Town where residents and non-residents will almost certainly drive home after indulging.*

Mr. Gonçalves stated that the permissive referendum is a requirement. Town Attorney Greg Folchetti explained that the permissive referendum is a period of time where anyone objecting to the passage of the local law would have the opportunity to file the petition for referendum and it would go on either the November election ballot or a special election, which is costly. The number of signatures needed would be 10% of the number of registered voters in the last gubernatorial election, which was in 2018. The July 19th date is key to passing local legislation. If the petition is duly filed, it can go on the November ballot. If the town delays this further, the town is automatically opted in by the state. Mr. Folchetti explained that if the town opts out, you are advising the cannabis control board that you desire they do not issue licenses. If the Board does not to anything, the town is automatically in. The referendum would be on whatever legislation the Board passed.

Mr. Welsh does not see a difference between this and alcohol, so he is sides with Supervisor Parsons.

Mr. Sklarin feels the town should opt out for several reasons. He stated that this has no impact upon cultivation processing or delivery; those things will go on. It only affects the retail dispensary and in-person consumption. Many of the residents he has spoken to are against this. And as a Golden's Bridge resident for 23 years he does not think the town needs a liquor store, a cigar/vaping store and a retail dispensary and an in-person lounge in the same shopping Center. Mr. Sklarin also does not feel that the town would get enough of an economic benefit (\$30,000 on \$1 million of sales). Finally, Mr. Sklarin feels that if a majority of the people in town disagree with his position on this then they could submit the signatures to get it on the ballot and they could overrule what he believes the town should do.

Ms. Crimmins stated that she is feeling strongly towards opting out of lounges. She is compelled by Scotts Corners and Pound Ridge's direction. She knows what neighborhoods around dispensary's look like and it looks like economic development. Mr. Sklarin feels that Scotts Corners is walkable and that is why they do well.

Mr. Gonçalves stated that most of the people that have reached out to him are not in agreement with the town allowing dispensaries and lounges. Ms. Crimmins did state that she has heard just the opposite of what Mr. Gonçalves and Mr. Sklarin have heard. Mr. Gonçalves does not feel that our town would have enough sales to generate one million in sales. And he feels that giving people the opportunity to vote on this is the way to go. Also, the town could potentially opt back in after a year or so. Supervisor Parsons disagrees. He feels that the strongest shopping center is Cross River but the other two are vulnerable.

Mr. Gonçalves stated that the Vista shopping center has a childcare and asked if that would qualify as a school. Supervisor Parsons was not sure.

Ms. Crimmins asked if they have heard from the landlords of the shopping plazas. Mr. Gonçalves stated that he has spoken with Goldens Bridge. There are two partners – one is for it, and one is against.

The Board decided to hold a public hearing on this at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCED – Cannabis

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Ms. Crimmins, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro will hold a public hearing on June 28, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter as time permits via videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law and in accordance with the Governor of the State of New York's Emergency Order Number 202.1. The public hearing will be to discuss a Local Law to opt out of the issuance of New York State licenses for on-site cannabis consumption locations within the Town of Lewisboro.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that comments for the public comment session can be sent in advance of the meeting to townclerk@lewisborogov.com or through the Zoom videoconference of the meeting. To the extent one does not have access to the internet, comments can also be made no later than 4 p.m. of the day of the meeting to the Town Clerk at 914-763-3511.

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Approved (8:18 – 8:25 p.m.)

Eagle Scout Joseph Smith presented his Eagle Scout project to the Board (see attached) which consists of re-creating the meditation area and clearing out overgrown brush that has taken over many monuments in the South Salem Cemetery.

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Sklarin, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the Eagle Scout project of Joseph Smith which consists of re-creating the meditation area in the South Salem Cemetery and clearing out overgrown brush that has taken over many monuments and be it further

RESOLVED, that all fees be waived.

POOL – Authorize Rental Agreements

On motion by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Gonçalves, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the Supervisor to sign the following pool rental agreements:

- a. Storm Aquatics
- b. Westchester Aquatic Club
- c. Westchester Diving Academy
- d. Free Diving/Constantinos Michailidis

OAKRIDGE WATER DISTRICT – Emergency Replacement & Installation of Well Pump #2

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does approve, by emergency action, the replacement and installation of well pump #2 at Oakridge Water District.

FOX VALLEY PAVING – Authorize Bid Process for Paving

Mr. Gonçalves stated that at a meeting in the beginning of the year the Board decided to borrow \$435,000 for various park improvements which included approximately \$300,000 to replace the Onatru playset. Mr. Gonçalves and the Parks & Recreation Superintendent have determined that it does not need to be replaced but it can be repaired.

Supervisor Parsons wants to make sure that if this amount of asphalt was an add on to the highway town bid for asphalt, it may be cheaper than if it was a separate agreement.

On motion by Mr. Gonçalves, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the advertising for a bid for the pavement of the Fox Valley Driveway.

ONATRU PLAYGROUND – Authorize Expenditure

Mr. Gonçalves stated that he and the Parks & Recreation Superintendent, Dana Mayclim, met with the original manufacturer of the playset that is currently at Onatru and have determined it does not need to be replaced but can be repaired, enhanced, and partially replaced. The life expectancy will be about 15-20 years.

On motion by Mr. Gonçalves, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the town to expend up to \$90,000 for the replacement of recreation equipment at the Onatru Farm Park with Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, which is the sole source for this replacement equipment and is approved under the sole source exception.

KATONAH-LEWISBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT – Renewal of Agreements

On motion by Mr. Gonçalves, seconded by Ms. Crimmins, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does authorize the Supervisor to sign the renewal agreements with the Katonah-Lewisboro School District for the following:

- a. Use of Facilities
- b. Summer Bus Rental
- c. School Resource Officer
- d. Salt/Fuel Agreement
- e. Rental of LES

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED VS. ELECTED – Discussion (8:40 – 8:53 p.m.)

Supervisor Parsons stated that this is something that he has wanted to do for a long time; to appoint a highway superintendent as opposed to electing the position. Supervisor Parsons feels it is better to have someone who has passed an exam and someone that the Board appoints for 4 years, with a term starting 1/1/2024 – this is when Peter Ripperger’s current term expires. Supervisor Parsons stated that he has discussed this with Mr. Ripperger, and he is in agreement and is not planning on running for another term.

On a personal note, Supervisor Parsons stated he and Mr. Ripperger went to Ithaca to speak at the Highway Superintendent’s Conference. The subject they spoke about was cooperation with Town Supervisors and Highway Superintendents. Supervisor Parsons stated that it was apparent that our town was unique in that the two positions got along so well.

He also stated that this is not a unique idea and that many other towns appoint the Highway Superintendent, such as Pound Ridge, and the trend is to appoint the Highway Superintendent. North Salem has an elected Superintendent. Bedford appointed an Engineer as the head of the Department of Public Works, and he appoints the Highway Superintendent. The Town Attorney did state that the abolition of an elected official would require a mandatory permissive referendum. Supervisor Parsons is hoping to get this on this year’s November election ballot.

Mr. Welsh asked if he had thought about the DPW model for Lewisboro however Supervisor feels that this would be too expensive as there would now be an Engineer on staff.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCED – Highway Superintendent Appointed vs Elected

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Gonçalves, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II (8:53 – 9:25 p.m.)

A total of 14 people spoke during public comment period two.

CANNABIS & DISPENSARIES

A total of five residents spoke out against having any dispensaries or lounges in our town, especially in Goldens Bridge. Another resident encouraged the Board to speak locally with our black residents before putting it up for a public vote.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Several residents stated that one of the social media groups on Facebook was called a hate group by one of the council people and they did not appreciate the comment. Another resident asked if the town was investigating this hate group.

OAKRIDGE WATER

A resident spoke out against the poor water conditions in Oakridge. When her time was up and she had not read her entire speech, the Board suggested she send it in via email.

"Hello, my name is Marissa Beattie and I am once again bringing up the issue of water in the Oakridge condos. Locally, we, the residents of Oakridge water district, are screaming at the top of our lungs that we want clean safe water. This is not the first time we have asked this and it certainly won't be the last if nothing keeps getting done. My community has been promised water treatment facility upgrades by this town board since 2018. It is 2021 and we are still paying for a town owned water district to maintain our facility and supply us with usable water and waste disposal, something which I believe has not been done in good faith.

On Sat 5/29 I went to run a bath for my son and when I returned the bathtub was filled but the water had a bright purple/pink hue. I thought someone put in a bath bomb as I had never experienced something like this, but I realized quickly this was not the case when the toilets were also filled with a purple/pink liquid. I checked my other bathroom as well as the kitchen sink and it was all pink. My older son is in his senior year of undergrad as a biochemist said to take a sample and NOT use the water as we don't know what is causing the color. He guessed that it was possibly some form of permanganate as it is commonly used to chemically treat iron and sulfides and make them easier to filter out as well as having that distinct pink/purple hue. Curious as to the safety of this chemical, he looked at the Materials safety data sheet (MSDS) as well as the recommended procedures to use permanganate which I will come back to later.

In the meantime, I had sent Tony a text to let him know as our point of contact for the water managing company VRI. I was assured I would get a call back, which I never did. I was later informed by Tony that his contact at VRI stated the issue was a communication error that altered the dosage control of the chemical pump. The chemical control system had thought there was 212 Gallons per minute flowing through the plant when the actual flow rate is a quarter of that at only 50 gallons per minute. This caused the control system to overdose the water with Permanganate giving the water that pink hue. Every person in the district should have received some type of official communication from the town and VRI. They opened up a hydrant overnight to remove storage tank water in order to replace it with new clear water, which worked for a period of time.

Well come to Sun (5/30) and I had pink water again! Around rolls, Monday (5/31), VRI decided to flush main lines because they assumed that the pink was from leftover water in the system- but again we were reassured that all is OK. Well, the water was clear until Wednesday 6/3 when the water in my bathrooms was pink, but oddly NOT in my kitchen. They came and flushed the lines again that evening and I took another water sample just in case. Now with this information in mind, I would like to go back to what I had said earlier with the MSDS and explain a bit regarding why this is an issue. Permanganate is used up and releases oxygen when it reacts with contaminants in the water, if the right amount is used then all the permanganate is consumed by the contaminants, and none is left over to cause toxicity. Unfortunately, I do not know the concentration of permanganate in the water, however, it is clear that there was excess that wasn't used up in the system. Permanganate is a known oxidizer that can cause acute toxicity in people from chronic exposure as well as kill aquatic life. The LC50 which is the lethal concentration for

50% of the population is very low at concentrations of 3.6 mg/L and 4.6 mg/L for the rainbow trout and bluegill sunfish, respectively. This does not sound like a chemical in which it is safe to add to our water supply so recklessly. However, the issues do not stop there, now onto Monday 6/7 where at about 11-12 noon, a neighbor on Stonemeadow reported a leak from the water closet into their unit. In case you are unaware, the outside walls are common space which these "water closets" also fall into the category of. Recently, brand new flush valves were installed into these said closets by the town as they believed this would help with flushing. What they did not think was that this current band aid to our system would actually fail so quickly and catastrophically. There was a 4" pipe that was spraying water at over 100+ gallons of water into their living room. On this same day, a few neighbors on Fox run, Oakridge and Bittersweet complained of a sudden drop in water pressure. Something which to me seems almost impossible not to conflate. Fast forward to 11pm, there is a full-out operation of trucks and workers on Fox Run. They were driving big trucks and pumping ALL NIGHT LONG- it did not stop until 10 am the following morning Tuesday 6/8. Wondering what could have happened this time, I texted Tony again.

Apparently, an underground pump station where wastewater from Stone Meadow, Fox Run, Oakridge Commons, and the Commercial space are collected and pumped to the plant. This is a quote from them regarding the incident; "No impact to anyone since they acted on it fairly quickly and brought in wastewater pump trucks. The control panel and 2 pumps stopped working....". First off, People were affected as a few neighbors complained of having no use of their toilet for over 24 hours and others felt unsafe showering in water that is pink. This doesn't sound like we were not affected, rather that you were no. We have been experiencing issues with the water and now sewer for the last almost 20 years. Access to safe clean drinking water a basic human right. I am going to test the sample I took and if they are as contaminated as I believe, I will file a complaint with the WCDOH, the office of the state comptroller, as well as the attorney General's office. I know that the OWD committee has asked for support in any grants they may be able to obtain to fund this project and we still do, however, support is a two-way street, and the Town must not drag their feet anymore. How can we continue to believe Delaware Engineering and VRI when they have continued to fail is? There are over 800 taxpayers and water district paying residents who are depending on you to right this wrong."

MEMORIAL DAY

A resident was upset that the American Flag was taken down before the end of the day on Memorial Day and replaced with another flag. He felt that a shadow was cast on the day and hopes that this does not happen again the future.

TOWN PARKS

Four residents spoke about the conditions of the parks, namely the baseball areas. They stated that the retaining walls, fences, wooden fences, stairs, etc. are rotting and now becoming dangerous. They stated at one point our parks were the envy of other towns, however, now people comment on what poor shape they are in. One resident also mentioned the huge liability with dead trees in the parks. The budget was also questioned.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

A resident stated that he feels it is long overdue to have the position of Highway Superintendent as an appointed position rather than an elected position.

SILENCING CITIZENS

A resident spoke against the Town Board members silencing residents while they are speaking their opinions. She also suggested that the Board look at the Code of Ethics.

CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Goncalves, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment of the Town's bills in the amount of \$513,601.02.

POLLING OF BOARD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW NEIGHBOR NETWORK – Parks & Recreation

The Board thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for putting on a new neighbor welcome at the Town Park on Sunday where several new residents and employees attended.

LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH – Update

Ms. Crimmins went over the upcoming events for pride month, including the Drag Queen Story Hour at Onatru on Saturday, June 26, 2021. She also shared information for the "There For Each Other" Zoom Meeting which will be held on June 15, 2021, from 8-9:30 p.m.

She also shared the phone number to report Hate Crimes which is 914-995-TIPS

COMPREHENSIVE/MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

The Board stated that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has a survey out and they urged all residents to give their feedback. The survey can be found on the town's website, at the local Post Offices, at the Planning Office, Town Clerk's Office and Lewisboro Library.

JOHN JAY COMMUNITY TRAIL

The Board thanked Apex Fitness for putting on their annual 5K run to benefit the Team Amy Foundation and the John Jay Trail Race that took place yesterday.

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Mr. Gonçalves stated that today was Flag Day. Also, the Veterans Advisory Committee requested that a US Army flag be put on the flagpole in front of the Town House as the Army is 246 years old. There is a flag code that the committee is aware of and the committee will also fly flags for other branches of the US Military for their birthdays.

CANNABIS

Mr. Gonçalves stated that the Board has not decided on the cannabis situation. There is still a lot of information that needs to be learned.

TOWN PARKS

The parks are being worked on and Mr. Gonçalves will keep the residents updated.

MEETINGS – Date Set

An upcoming meeting of the Board will include a meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. In accordance with the Governor’s March 13, 2020 Executive Order 202.1, until further notice, meetings will be held via videoconferencing. More information will follow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss an Appointment to the Grant Committee and Legal Issues

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 9:42 p.m. to discuss an appointment to the grant committee and legal issues.

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 11:24 p.m.

GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Appointment of Member

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Sklarin, the Board voted as follows:

THE VOTE:	Yes	- Parsons, Crimmins, Gonçalves, Sklarin, Welsh	(5)
	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does appoint Dottie Podolak to the Grant Advisory Committee for a one-year term which will expire on December 31, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Sklarin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 11:25 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk