

MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2021

A work session meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, Westchester County, New York, was held on October 25, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Library, 15 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

PRESENT:

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

Also attending was the Attorney for the Town Jennifer Herodes, Facilities Maintenance Manager Joel Smith, Maintenance Assistant Shawn Johannessen, Police Officer Frank Secret, and Confidential Secretary/Benefits Coordinator Mary Hafter.

Approximately 6 residents/observers attended the live meeting and approximately 43 participated via Zoom.

Supervisor Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Supervisor Parsons noted the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Parsons stated the following:

The overwhelming consensus is that strict discipline needs to be observed in Board Meetings so I will ask that:

- 1. The Board members only answer questions and comments from the audience during the Polling of the Board section of the meeting.*
- 2. I plan to enforce silence by residents except during Public Hearings and Public Comment periods.*
- 3. If someone in the audience breaks this rule then, if the individual does not heed the chair, I will ask a police officer to escort that individual from the room.*
- 4. Please do not go on Zoom while you are in this room as it destroys our capabilities of recording the meeting.*
- 5. Please no yielding of your time to anyone else.*
- 6. If you would like to speak during public comment period, please sign in on the sheet in the back of the room.*

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PUBLIC HEARING - Outdoor Dining Extension for 1-Year

Supervisor Parsons called the public hearing to order for a proposed local law of the Town Code of the Town of Lewisboro which would amend Chapter 220-16 entitled “Seasonal Outdoor Restaurant Seating”. There was no objection to the time or form of the public notice (attached).

Supervisor Parsons stated that this extension for outdoor dining would continue through December 31, 2022. Supervisor Parsons asked for comments from the public. There were no public comments.

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, 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 public hearing which would amend Chapter 220; Zoning; 220-16 Seasonal Outdoor Restaurant Seating, is now closed.

TOWN CODE – Chapter 220-16, Seasonal Outdoor Restaurant Seating

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)

TOWN OF LEWISBORO

LOCAL LAW NUMBER 11-2021(#10 for the State) OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF LEWISBORO AMENDING CHAPTER 220 ENTITLED “ZONING”

LOCAL LAW OF THE YEAR 2021

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Lewisboro, County of Westchester, State of New York as follows:

SECTION 1 : AUTHORITY

This chapter is adopted pursuant to the authority, of Article 2, §10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 2 : AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 220

Chapter 220 of the current Code of the Town of Lewisboro entitled “Zoning” is hereby amended by the addition of subsection “L” to Section 220-16

220-16. Seasonal Outdoor Restaurant Seating.

- L.** Notwithstanding the above, outdoor restaurant seating shall be permitted through to December 31, 2022 in accordance with the following:
- (1) The provisions of Section 220-16(B) are suspended in that a full site plan shall not be required for outdoor restaurant seating. The Planning Board shall provide for an expedited review of outdoor dining applications without a public hearing and shall accept a sketch plan or other design drawing deemed acceptable by the Planning Board to sufficiently describe the area to be used for outdoor dining.
 - (2) The provisions of Section 220-16(E)(1), (3) and (4) are suspended in order to allow parking areas to be used for outdoor restaurant seating to the extent same may be set up in a safe area away from the flow of traffic, and to suspend the landscape buffer and minimum yard area requirements set forth therein.
 - (3) The provisions of Section 220-16(G) are suspended to allow outdoor restaurant seating without required screening and buffering. However, the Planning Board may require sufficient screening or buffering that it may deem appropriate for each seating area.
 - (4) Any such outdoor restaurant seating that is approved pursuant to this section shall remain in compliance with all Westchester County Department of Health and New York State codes, rules, regulations and guidelines.
 - (5) Except as modified herein, all other provisions of Section 220-16 shall continue to apply to outdoor restaurant seating.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT – Car Break-Ins and Thefts

Supervisor Parsons read the below joint statement that he made along with Chief David Alfano:

“We have a target painted on our backs. Worse still we have painted it ourselves! It is clear that we have become known for easy pickings for car thieves! Far too many of us are parking our cars in our driveways with the keys in the ignition or at least obviously visible. Worse still we often leave our purses or wallets in the parked cars.

Please, please stop doing this! If we really want to donate our cars and money, there are many deserving charities that we can support! “

Peter Parsons, Town Supervisor

Dave Alfano, Lewisboro Police Chief

COVID 19 – Update

Supervisor Parsons stated that the number of Covid cases in Lewisboro has decreased substantially since putting the mask mandate in place. Vaccination rates are as follows for Lewisboro: 79% in South Salem, 99% in Cross River, 88% in Goldens Bridge, and 97% in Waccabuc.

MASK MANDATE – Lifted

Supervisor Parsons stated that Lewisboro now has a lower number of Covid cases than any of its neighbors when measured as a percentage of its population – less than ½ %. Supervisor Parsons stated that the mask mandate that ended on October 23, 2021, will not be extended. However, he stated that he will still urge any who have not been fully vaccinated to wear a mask and anyone who feels safer asking others to wear a mask may do so.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED – Resignation of Chair

Supervisor Parsons stated that the Chair for the Advisory Committee for the Disabled, Lorey Leddy, submitted her resignation letter as she is moving. The Board thanked Ms. Leddy for all of her years of service to the town.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES- Approved

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Sklarin, the minutes of the September 27 and October 12, 2021 Town Board meetings were approved.

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

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ASSEMBLYMAN CHRIS BURDICK – Update (7:41 – 8:22 p.m.)

Assemblyman Chris Burdick made the following presentation:

“It is an honor to represent the Town of Lewisboro in the New York State Assembly, and I’d like to report on developments during this challenging and tumultuous year.

The greatest and most serious challenge has been, and continues to be, battling the pandemic. The emergence and spread of the Delta variant have complicated and extended this crisis, and we are working assiduously to protect our communities. At the same time, we are taking action to pull the state out of the pandemic-induced recession that threw millions out of work and shuttered businesses – some permanently.

I also have been working with my colleagues to advance a NYS legislative and budgetary agenda that will benefit the people of Lewisboro, the 93rd Assembly District, and New York State as a whole. And while the budget process started with a bleak outlook, it ended with one of the most robust and fiscally sound NYS budgets in decades.

I would like to highlight some of the positive developments that have taken place since I took office in January. Working with my colleagues in the legislature, we reversed drastic funding cuts in state programs and, thanks to significant federal pandemic relief, provided the following:

- *\$96 billion for health care services, including \$542 million to restore cuts to the Medicaid program and \$58.25 million in public health programs.*
- *The biggest commitment to public education in years, with \$29.1 billion in funding for General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) – an increase of \$3.1 billion (12 percent) over 2020-21 school year. Importantly to Westchester schools is a commitment to fully fund Foundation Aid within three budget cycles.*
- *\$1.84 billion in funding for the environment, including \$300 million for the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and funding to put the \$3 billion "Restore Mother Nature" Environmental Bond Act on the ballot in November 2022. Especially important to Lewisboro and other northern Westchester communities, the budget includes \$500 million to support New York State's clean water infrastructure, bringing the total grant funds to nearly \$1 billion.*
- *\$2.4 billion allocated for child care.*
- *A \$1 billion relief package for small businesses, arts, entertainment and restaurants, to help them recover from the impacts of the pandemic. It includes \$865 million in grants and \$139 million in tax credits.*
- *A continuation of the phase-in of the middle-class tax cut, which is expected to save 4.8 million New Yorkers over \$2.2 billion this year.*

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- *\$2.4 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance and help for homeowners and small landlords as well.*

- *\$2.1 billion for the Excluded Workers Fund. I am proud that New York is the first in the nation to provide a robust pandemic relief program for essential workers who do not have access to unemployment benefits, federal stimulus funds or other assistance. This fund provides one-time relief for any individual that has suffered a loss of work-related earnings or household income due to COVID-19, and is ineligible for unemployment benefits or federal stimulus payments*

- *I was pleased that the budget included a number of items that I requested for the benefit of Lewisboro, my district, and the County, as well as other items that I worked with my colleagues to achieve, including:*

- o *A \$300,000 line item in the budget for the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation to identify the most severe wastewater problems in the 18 municipal member of the corporation – which should help Lewisboro as it goes forward with addressing wastewater issues.*

- o *\$380,000 in funding for Legal Services of Hudson Valley, including funds to extend support services to veterans into Westchester and Putnam counties.*

- o *\$1 million for ArtsWestchester – I worked with the Westchester County delegation to secure this in the budget.*

- Other legislative actions that I would like to highlight include:*

- *Passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA), with a local opt-out provision.*

- *The September 1st extraordinary legislative session called by Governor Hochul to extend the eviction/foreclosure moratorium and to amend the Open Meetings Law to continue to allow virtual meetings for public bodies.*

- *Passage of legislation to protect both patients and staff alike, including requirements for minimum nursing staff in hospitals, nursing homes and other congregate care facilities.*

- *Passage of parole reform legislation, including “Less is More” (which restricts the use of parolee incarceration for non-criminal technical parole violations) and the HALT Solitary Confinement Act (restricting the use of solitary confinement in state prisons). I co-sponsored both measures.*

- *Passage of legislation that expands early voting, makes the process for tabulating absentee ballots easier, and provides more funds to County Boards of Election.*

- *Passage of the Gender Recognition Act, which would ensure that government documents reflect transgender, nonbinary and intersex individuals’*

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identities. The provisions of this bill will make it easier and safer for individuals to petition for a change in name or sex designation. I am pleased that it included a provision I sponsored, at the request of Kristin Browde (a Westchester-based attorney and Co-Chair of the National Trans Bar Association), to provide transgender New Yorkers born out of state a means for obtaining a corrected birth certificate. This legislation was needed as certain states will not correct the gender or name on a birth certificate without a difficult, invasive process, but will recognize a New York court order correcting gender and name.

Finally, in addition to legislation:

- My office provides constituent service in a wide variety of areas. Some examples include helping to get appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations (when doing so was very difficult), dealing with the Department of Labor on unemployment claims, and assisting constituents in securing FEMA and other aid in the wake of Hurricane Ida.*
- I have secured funding for Community-Based Organizations, such as the Community Center of Northern Westchester – for whom I secured a \$30,000 grant – as well as funding for other nonprofit organizations to be announced shortly*
- Assisting municipalities, including helping them to secure grants; cutting through red tape with state agencies; and providing support letters (e.g., support letter to Representative Maloney for the improvements to the intersection at Babbitt/Harris and sidewalk to correctional facilities)”*

Mr. Burdick stated that the town also received a State and Municipal Facilities grant in the amount of \$400,000 for a new accessible playground at the Town Park.

Mr. Burdick also announced that the town would be receiving the following for paving:

- Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program funding (CHIPS) – 2021-22 apportionment of \$192,486.05 plus a rollover balance of \$7,533.97, for a total of \$200,020.02
- Extreme Winter Recovery Funding (EWR) – 2021-22 apportionment of \$41,816.61 plus a rollover balance of \$1,359.04, for a total of \$43,175.65
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A resident asked Mr. Burdick if there was any way that he could help the school district with the employment of a School Resource Officer which has been taken out of the budget. Mr. Burdick stated that he was not aware of any federal money at this point, but he would look into it.

The Board thanked Mr. Burdick for his presentation and for all that he has done for the Town Lewisboro.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE – Update (8:23 - 8:33 p.m.)

John Wolff, a Member of the Comprehensive and Master Plan Steering Committee, and who was filling in for Katherine McGinn, Chair, gave the following update:

Other Members:

Charlene Indelicato

Mark Robbins

John Wolff

Larry Mango

Ciorsdan Conran, Administrator for the Committee

Would like to thank the town board members Dan Welsh and Jane Crimmins for their observations and active participation to date, and also to Planning Board Chair Janet Anderson.

Our previous (and first) quarterly update to the Town Board was Jul 26, 2021. If anyone is interested in catching up on that content, the update is detailed in the Town Board meeting minutes from that date.

Also, our page on the Lewisboro website is full of great resources, including a working project timeline, educational resources and more.

In the time I have, I would like to update the Town Board of the Committee's

- *Work since last update*
- *Reminder of Project Outline, &*
- *Near term next steps.*
- *Finally - Questions*

WORK SINCE LAST BOARD UPDATE

- *July*
 - *CFA Grant submitted*
 - *Survey: continued to collect responses*
 - *Continued drafting and collecting feedback on RFP (Town Planner & Attorney to Planning Board)*
- *August*
 - *Town wide postcard mailer to alert residents to survey sent out*
 - *Reminder about survey placed on back page of Parks & Rec Fall Catalog*
 - *Identified and began to research Hudson River Valley Greenway Community Grants opportunity*
 - *Collected formal feedback from Town Board, Planning Board, ZBA, ACARC on RFP*

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- Information session with Town Tax Assessor, [Lise Robertson](#), recording and notes available on our webpage
- September
 - RFP finalized, approved for publishing by Board resolution
 - Available on Lewisboro website, NY Planning Federation website & American Planning Association NY Update Chapter website
 - Library fair table
 - YouTube education session - “Intro to Planning, Zoning & Land Use”
 - Received guidance on Greenway Community Grants opportunity - wait till early 2022 to apply
 - Survey: continued to collect responses - large increase after mailing, current number of responses approximately 600
- Next meeting: Oct 26, 2021

PROJECT OUTLINE (Was also presented as below in July 26 update)

- Three phases:
 - Introductory,
 - Community Engagement and
 - Plan Update.
- Currently: **INTRODUCTORY PHASE**
 - Community survey
 - Public education sessions
 - Consultant search, recommendations to Board & hire
 - Consultant preliminary review
 - We expect this phase to last into Spring 2022, timeline subject to change.
- **NEXT PHASE: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PHASE**
 - After Spring 2022, once a consultant is engaged.
 - Significant community outreach and engagement to fully investigate community issues and opportunities.
 - Consultant along with the Committee, facilitates community involvement; community events & interviews,
 - formation of subcommittees,
 - community vision statement.
 - Fair & equal opportunities for all community members to get involved.
 - Sessions with consultant & Town Board, Planning Board, ZBA and each of the Town Councils & Committees. We’ve been in touch with the Chairs to alert them that this will be an early and important step.
- Finally, **THE PLAN UPDATE PHASE**
 - We expect this will take place late in 2022 or into 2023.
 - Timeline can change.
 - As Comp Plan update takes shape: public hearings / additional input.
 - Any updated Comp Plan will be a “DRAFT” and would only be a recommendation to the Town Board

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- *Town Board approves (or not).*
- *Ongoing activities:*
 - *Quarterly updates to Town Board (like this one)*
 - *Regular meetings broadcast via YouTube*
 - *CMPSC page on the Town website - resources, survey link, project information, meeting minutes and agendas.*

NEAR TERM NEXT STEPS

- *RFP deadline, Nov 15, 2021*
 - *Review/interview November 2021 – early 2022*
 - *Process (outlined in RFP and approved by TB, PB, ZBA and ACARC)*
 - *First stage will include Steering Committee (including Town Board liaisons) plus Chairs of PB, ZBA and ACARC*
 - *Second stage will be Steering Committee (including Town Board liaisons and full Planning Board)*
 - *Steering Committee to make ultimate recommendation to Town Board*
 - *Recommendation goal – early 2022*
- *Kickoff survey*
 - *Reminder, current number of responses 600*
 - *Goal: 800 responses*
 - *Survey open as long as necessary, so that when consultant starts they'll have a robust view into Town resident priorities*

The Board thanked Mr. Wolff for his presentation and thanked the committee for all their work thus far.

REFUSE REMOVAL – Acceptance of Bid

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 hereby approve the bid of City Carting, aka WIN Waste Innovations, for removal of refuse and recycling from Town facilities for the period November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022, with an option to renew for an additional year at the same rates.

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LEWISBORO TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT & ADA TRAIL – Update (8:35 – 8:40 p.m.)

Ms. Crimmins stated that the Lewisboro Town Park Playground Improvement Project was very successful in raising money and she thanked Assemblyman Burdick again for the \$400,000 grant money. Ms. Crimmins stated that the group had a very successful Octoberfest at the Town Park on October 23, 2021, where over 1,000 people attended. Ms. Crimmins would like to present the committee with a formal proclamation at the next meeting.

Ms. Crimmins stated that the playground equipment price will increase come January 1, 2022. In an effort to save money, she feels that most of the equipment should be purchased prior to this date and ideally have it stored by the manufacturer. Mr. Gonçalves stated that the Parks & Recreation Superintendent and the playground committee are meeting with the vendor and will get an updated price list.

Ms. Crimmins also spoke to everyone involved with the ADA trail at the Town Park and the bridge. Ms. Crimmins is currently waiting for a proposal from an excavating company, and she will keep the group updated. Supervisor Parsons suggested that Ms. Crimmins speak with Michael Surdej, of the Open Space and Preserves Advisory Committee as he has been very successful building bridges in a few of the preserves.

OAKRIDGE GARDENS – Final Bond Release

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, 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 Planning Board to consider and act upon Oakridge Gardens request for final bond release, subject to attorney review.

BOULDER LANE – Parking (8:44 – 8:54 p.m.)

Nicole Zinna, a new resident and Board Member of the Boulder Lane Homeowner's Association stated that in December, 2020, there was a 2 unit fire on Boulder Lane. Emergency vehicles could not get thru as there were vehicles parked on Boulder. She is looking for the Town Board to help them create alternative parking such as Fairmount and Quincy Court – 3/4 spaces but would like overnight parking. She also mentioned possible parking on Fairmount Road where there are no homes.

Mr. Sklarin stated that he spoke with the highway department and they are against this parking as they use this area for a turn around during plowing.

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Supervisor Parsons stated he also spoke with the Chief of Police who is also not in favor of the parking and since Boulder Lane is a private road, the town cannot take action and suggested that Ms. Zinna direct her request to the HOA.

GOLDENS BRIDGE HAMLET ORGANIZATION – Pocket Park Waiver of Insurance Discussion (8:55 – 9:08 p.m.)

As per their license agreement with the town, the Goldens Bridge Hamlet Organization looked into insurance for the pocket park that they have proposed on Fairmount Road. For a \$5 million annual policy, the cost is approximately \$5,000 and a \$1 million annual policy is approximately \$500. They asked how other organizations hold events, etc. on town property and not have to carry insurance.

The GBHO does not feel that the burden of insurance for the proposed park should be placed on them when the town owns the property and could take the property back at anytime according to the license agreement. Supervisor Parsons stated that he understands the situation but would like to discuss this further with the town attorneys.

BUDGET 2022 – Discussion (9:10 – 10:12 p.m.)

Comptroller Leo Masterson continued his tentative budget presentation by stating that after several changes from last meeting, the tax rate change from last year is 2.656%. The town taxes are made up of a general fund and the highway fund. The net percentage change from this year's budget to last year's budget is 3.038%. The tax cap calculation also depends on the special districts, which are projected to have a reduced proposed tax levy. Mr. Masterson stated that even though the town tax is over the cap by \$46,5757, the tentative budget is under the 2% tax cap.

Mr. Masterson went over the revenue modifications from the last meeting that were plugged into the budget for the various departments.

Mr. Masterson stated that Parks & Receptions expenditures may look elevated from last year however, this is because this year will not be a Covid year. The decision was made not to fill the assistant park & recreation superintendent position but to replace the recreation assistant who left last year, so the salary number went down. Other increases for Parks & Recreation included a proposed maintenance employee, additional tools and a ride on mower, pool equipment, repairs to Fox Valley courts and the buyout of a leased vehicle. Minimum wage is also increasing to \$15.00 in 2022.

As per the Lewisboro Library presentation, the board injected \$12,400 into the library budget.

Mr. Masterson noted a few savings category's such as \$5,000 less this year for unemployment insurance. Also, the debt services expenses decreased from \$643,335 in 2021 to \$455,672 in 2022.

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The Police Department expenses increased as well due to the addition of a second part-time police officer on duty, increased training, increased gas prices, body cameras and new taser technology.

The town's general budget expenses went from \$8,853,491 in 2021 to \$9,863,441 in 2022.

Mr. Masterson stated that the highway expenses would include \$180,000 for paving and an increase in \$52,500 for removal of mulch and debris. Mr. Masterson reminded the Board of the numbers that Mr. Burdick gave earlier in the evening for paving:

- Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program funding (CHIPS) – 2021-22 apportionment of \$192,486.05 plus a rollover balance of \$7,533.97, for a total of \$200,020.02
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Ms. Crimmins stated that she is happy with this tentative budget, and they are under the tax cap. She also stated that she supports Ms. Mayclim's request for an assistant. Ms. Mayclim has offered to up her revenue by \$35,000 in order to obtain a more substantial employee. And Ms. Crimmins would like to see the department of finance receive a raise.

Mr. Masterson reminded the board that a public hearing on the preliminary budget is needed by December 10 and the final budget needs to be adopted by December 20.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (10:13 – 10:26 p.m.)

There was a total of five residents who spoke during the public comment period.

SALT DOME AREA

Carol Cernak found several files at Farvue Farm pertaining to the town accepting the 4.25 acres from the Wallace family. She then found files from 2002 from the DEC who stated that the town would have to pay fines for salt contamination to homes down to Gossetts. In 2002, Ms. Cernak stated that in March of 2002, she took a sample of water out of the holding tank, and it tested high for salt as it had never been pumped out. Ms. Cernak then sent a FOIL to the town questioning when the last time the holding tank was pumped out and the answer was 18 years ago. She questioned why it had never been pumped out. She also showed aerial photos of the salt dome and the holding tank area. She also showed photos of the wetland's areas. Ms. Cernak would like the town to get into compliance.

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MASK MANDATE

A resident thanked the Board for the mask mandate as it made his immune compromised relative safe during this time. He also thanked Ms. Crimmins for all that she has done regarding the ADA trail work in the town park.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

A resident feels strongly that the Katonah Lewisboro School District should employ a SRO and pay for this officer.

BUDGET

A resident thanked the board for all their time in creating a responsible budget.

GOLDENS BRIDGE HAMLET ORGANIZATION

A resident offered her support for the GBHOs pocket park.

FESTIVAL OF THE FUTURE

A new resident questioned who issued permits for activities in town and the answer was Parks & Recreation. She stated that she attended a wonderful event called the Unity Festival of the Future at the Town Park. There were terrific groups there with important issues, however, she felt that it turned out to be political, but only one sided. She stated that she hopes in the sake of unity, that everyone gets invited and bring everyone together truthfully.

CLAIMS – Authorized for Payment

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Ms. Crimmins, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment of the Town's bills in the amount of \$781,084.53.

MEETING – Dates Set

An upcoming meeting of the Town Board will include a meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lewisboro Library, 15 Main Street, South Salem, New York.

An upcoming work session of the Town Board will include a meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Single subject meeting regarding engineering studies of Lakes Kitchawan, Truesdale and Waccabuc.

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POLLING OF BOARD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS

Ms. Crimmins stated that there was a new neighbor network held at Fox Valley on Sunday, a Festival of our Future was held on Saturday and Ms. Crimmins thanked the organizers. The Octoberfest to benefit the playground project was very successful. The Board thanked those organizers as well.

Upcoming events include a Lewisboro Land Trust Halloween Hike at Leon Levy, Trunk or Treat hosted by Parks & Recreation, Election Day is November 2, a Buddies United event at Increase Miller School.

Ms. Crimmins would also like to see our town become parks and preserves certified for autism and stated that 87% of families with autistic children do not go on vacation.

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE

Mr. Sklarin thanked Captain Lawrence for donating the beer for the Octoberfest.

EARLY VOTING

Mr. Welsh reminded all that early voting started on October 23 and will run through October 31.

SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER

Mr. Welsh would like to propose a policy which would have the town opting in for the energy efficient options in purchasing when there is a better return. He has put together a draft that he has presented to the Sustainability Committee for their comments and then to the Town Board.

CLEAN WATER WORKSHOP

Mr. Gonçalves stated that he went to a NY State Clean Water Workshop that was very informative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – To Discuss Appointments to Committees

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Welsh, the Board voted 5-0 to go into executive session at 10:40 p.m. to discuss Appointments to Committees.

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Sklarin, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 10:57 p.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED - Appointment of Chairperson

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	No	- None	(0)
	Absent	- None	(0)

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Alexandra Morris as the Chairperson for the Advisory Committee for the Disabled with a term ending on December 31, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Supervisor Parsons, seconded by Mr. Gonçalves, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 10:59 p.m.

Janet L. Donohue
Town Clerk