

**Cont. Public Hearing-Proposed Moratorium Law, 7:15 p.m.
Town Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
December 15, 2016**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Marty Irwin.

At 7:43 p.m. Supervisor Bettez opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Moratorium Law.

Public Input:

Mike Zierler and Bob Hughes spoke in favor of the moratorium.

Susan Blickstein and Kitty Brown submitted their comments via email, in favor of the moratorium.

Amy Cohen submitted her comments via email, in opposition to the moratorium.

At 7:58 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis. There was a discussion regarding leaving the public hearing open. Supervisor Bettez and Councilman Torres voted aye to closing the public hearing. Councilman Logan and Councilman Irwin voted no. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis abstained. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to continue the public hearing on the proposed moratorium law on January 26th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Town Board Meeting

At 8:07 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Appointment to Sgt. Position, +Approval of At-Will Committee, +Discussion of draft law and comments from UCPB, Town Planning Board and Building Inspector Comments and budget to the discussion of the Barton & Loguidice Contract, +Discussion on the methods by which communication exists between the Supervisor's office and the Town Board and decision making by the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Lou Cariola asked about the status of the re-alignment of Gatehouse Road. Highway Supt. Marx indicated that just today he received the permit that allows him to do the work.

Presentation-Civil War Draft Exhibit:

Town Historian Susan Stessin Cohn and interns from SUNY New Paltz made a presentation on an exhibit they created on the Civil War using the Town's historic documents.

Contract with Barton & Loguidice for Rte. 299 Gateway Proposal:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Town Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis for discussion. Supervisor Bettez indicated that this work will involve revising the Town's Planning and Zoning Laws. Councilman Irwin and Councilman Logan indicated that they feel this is relative to the Moratorium. After further discussion, it was decided to add this item as well as a discussion on the comments from the UCPB, Town Planning Board and Building Inspector, to next week's meeting agenda.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to recommend the appointment of Amanda Gotto as the alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to recommend the reappointment of Michael Calimano to the Ulster County Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the following reappointments:

Dennis Moore to CWOSP for a 5-year term to expire 12/31/2021

Lynn Bowdery to CWOSP for a 5-year term to expire 12/31/2021

Peter Kaufman to the Bike-Ped Committee for a 4-year term to expire 12/31/2020
 Laura deNey to the EnCB for a 2-year term to expire 12/31/2018
 Mike Merriman to the EnCB for a 2-year term to expire 12/31/2018
 Ingrid Haeckel to the EnCB for a 2-year term to expire 12/31/2018
 Karen Verney to the Ethics Board for a 5-year term to expire 12/31/2021
 Amanda Gotto to the Planning Board for a 7-year term to expire 12/31/2023.
 Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resignations:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the resignation of Amy Bloomfield from the Re-Use Center, and to thank her for her work there. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the resignation of Mark Sherman from the Transportation Implementation Committee, and to thank him for his service. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the ***Police Commission minutes of November 17, 2016, Joint Town & Village/Town Board minutes of November 17, 2016, and the Town Board minutes of December 1, 2016.*** Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of Contracts:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2017 Dog Park/For Paws, Inc. and 2017 Ulster County Stop-DWI contracts. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modification:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following budget transfer:

Increase: A960	Appropriations	\$990.00
Increase: A7310.400	Youth-Contractual	\$990.00
Decrease: A960	Appropriations	\$990.00
Decrease: A7150.485	Recreation Activities	\$990.00

Reason: Appropriate funds from the YBA in the Recreation Budget to the Youth Program for the New Paltz Eve celebration, as requested by the YBA.

Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Re-Use/Recycling:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the posting of a part-time waste reduction assistant for the Re-Use Center. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

MuniciPAY Proposal:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the use of the MuniciPAY system by the Town Clerk, which will allow her office to accept credit cards as a form of payment and to authorize the Town Clerk to fill out the application and for the Supervisor to sign any documents needed.

Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Community Center Sidewalk Repair:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize Chris Marx to contract with Precision Concrete Cutting to perform emergency repairs as outlined in the estimate of \$1,625.00. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Mohonk Preserve Escrow Transfer:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to transfer the remaining balance (after all PB fees are paid) of the Planning Board Escrow to establish the required construction escrow account. Any additional monies due to the Town to bring the construction escrow account balance to its maximum amount will be deposited with the Town prior to issuance of a building permit. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the December Warrant in the amount of \$358,787.62. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Speed Limit Reduction:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following resolution and send the request to the County:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ

CALLING ON THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT OF 55 MPH TO 40 MPH ON ROUTE 32 BETWEEN RIVER ROAD TO ANN STREET IN NEW PALTZ AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF BICYCLISTS USING THE STATE BIKE ROUTE (ROUTE 32) AS A DETOUR OF THE WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL DURING THE REPAIR OF THE BRIDGE CROSSING THE WALLKILL RIVER AT SPRINGTOWN ROAD (ULSTER COUNTY ROUTE 7).

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz is presently working with the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association, the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, the Open Space Institute, Ulster County and all relevant parties to repair and return to full use the rail trail bridge crossing the Wallkill River at Springtown Road.

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz recognizes the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail as the sole active, non-motorized transportation link between and among the Town of Gardiner, Village of New Paltz, Town of Rosendale and our county government in the City of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail is the future link between the Hudson Valley Rail Trail, the Walkway Over the Hudson and the trail networks of Dutchess County with the trails of Ulster County including the Mohonk Foothills, its related trails, the O & W Rail Trail, the City of Kingston and the Kingston Greenline.

WHEREAS, the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail is at the center and a key link in the already underway Hudson River Valley Greenway Connection Plan that is building a continuous walkable and bikeable route from Manhattan to the Adirondacks.

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz recognizes the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail's importance as an active transportation corridor but also values its role as a pre-eminent eco-tourist destination that brings customers to our town's businesses.

WHEREAS, State Route 32 is a recognized and signed state bike route and regularly used by road bicyclists and can be further used without alteration by additional rail trail bicyclists.

WHEREAS, State Route 32 currently narrows and has limited lines of sight at River Road, on the bridge crossing over the Wallkill and at the intersection with State Route 213 and presents a safety hazard to less regular road bicyclists.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of New Paltz calls upon the New York State Department of Transportation to reduce the speed from the current 55 MPH to 40 MPH to more safely accommodate the additional bicycle riders as a "Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Detour."

Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Parade Permit Application:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the use of the revised Parade Permit Application. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2017 Holiday:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve Monday, January 2, 2017 as the New Year's Day Holiday of 2017 for Town employees. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Appointment to Sgt. Position:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Officer Carmine Fuoco to the position of Sgt., effective January 1, 2017 at the contracted rate. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At-Will Committee Resolution:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, hereby establishes a Police Advisory Committee. Said Committee will be comprised of five members, who shall be appointed by the Town Board and will serve at the pleasure of the Town Board. A chairman will preside over all meetings of the Committee, who shall be appointed by the town board, and will serve at the pleasure of the Town Board. The Committee's function is to hear and review all citizen complaints regarding Police Department operations and to then make an advisory opinion to the

Police Commission and New Paltz Town Board. The committee shall be established upon passage of this resolution.

Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:40 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk