



**Town Board Meeting**  
**Public Hearing- Local Laws: Community Preservation Plan**  
**July 16, 2020, 7:00 pm**  
**Video Conference**

**Present:** Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, and Councilman David Brownstein

At 7:02 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the following Public Hearings:

**Public Hearing: Local Law B: Community Preservation Fund:**

**Public Hearing: Local Law C: Community Preservation Plan:**

**Public Hearing: Local Law D: Community Preservation Transfer Tax:**

Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

The following participants spoke in favor of the Community Preservation Plan

Arielle? (Resident)

Christie Deboer (Wallkill Valley Land Trust)

Carly Fraccarolli (Scenic Hudson)

David Gilmore (spoke in favor but is concerned about the Earth)

Rose Rudnitski (Town Environmental Conservation Board)

Cara Lee and Ingrid Haekel provided information to help answer questions.

The following people sent email comments in favor of the Community Preservation Plan:

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| -James DeLaune, UC Legislator  | - Liz Elkin                      |
| -Judy Gueron                   | - Celine and Joseph Sahulka      |
| - Susan DeMark, HPC            | - Andrea Frank                   |
| - Roland and Mary Jean Bahret  | - Nancy Schniedewind             |
| - Neil Larson                  | - Susan Blickstein               |
| - Ted Nitza                    | - Laura deNey                    |
| - Fran Dunwell                 | - Kevin Case                     |
| - Amanda Gotto                 | - Martha Cheo                    |
| - Janelle Peotter              | - KT Tobin                       |
| - Andy Ashton                  | - Roseanne Malfucci & Kelly Wise |
| - Kitty Brown                  | - Camilla Trischetti             |
| - Ingrid Haekel, EnCB          | - Bob Anderberg                  |
| - Eric Perlman                 | - Elizabeth Cunningham           |
| - Jason Taylor and Stella Deen | - Megan Ferguson                 |
| - Lisa Adelson-Bhalla          | - Ashley and Rob Lathrop         |
| - Susan Stessin-Cohn           | - Libby Zemaitis                 |
| - Rich Souto                   |                                  |

The following people sent email comments in opposition of the Transfer Tax:

- Robert Gabrielli

- Victoria Hoyt

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**Town Board Meeting**

At 7:37 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board Meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:**

+ Approval of the Finance Department absorbing water and sewer billing and customer service functions with Comptroller's assistance and anticipated union negotiations will be made for additional compensation, to the consent agenda. A motion was made Supervisor Bettez to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast motion carried.

**Announcements:**

PHs Local Law B,C,D-Community Preservation Plan/Town Board Meeting- July 16, 2020

County Fair Canceled, instead doing drive in fireworks event at the County Fairgrounds Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>. Lot opened at 7:30 pm and Fireworks will begin at 8:30 pm.

**Public Input:**

Edgar Rodriguez-submitted a letter regarding the Governor's Executive Order and communities addressing any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve and/or authorize the following items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Meeting minutes: Special Meeting July 2, 2020, Town Board Meeting July 9, 2020
- b. PO Approval: R0000173, R0000174, R0000184, for a combined total of \$15,245.85
- c. IT Request: Approval to move all internet provided services to and/or through our current IT support company, MCSTech, in order to provide complete, uninterrupted, continuous service for the Town. At the recommendations of IT Support, reactivate all internet lines through Spectrum under the Town Franchise agreement.
- d. Escrow Authorization: ZBA 20-50; Homeland Towers in the amount of \$4,000.00 with a replenishment threshold of \$2,000.00
- e. Authorization to establish minimum monthly billing amount for water and sewer (change from quarterly)
- f. Approval of the Finance Department to absorb water and sewer billing and customer service functions with the Comptroller's assistance and anticipated union negotiations for additional compensation.

**Warrant**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the July warrant in the amount of \$597,554.92. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Bond Resolution:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve a bond resolution, authorizing the issuance of up to \$9,231,000 aggregate principal amount serial bonds of the Town of New Paltz, County of Ulster, State of New York, pursuant to the local finance law, to provide supplemental funding for the construction of an alternate Town and Village Water Supply System in Water District #5. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Hearings-Community Preservation Plan**

At 7:46 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close Public Hearings on Local Laws B, C, and D. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye vote cast, motion carried.

**SEQR Review: Ted Fink**

A presentation was given by Victoria Polidoro and Ted Fink for SEQR review. Areas of impact evaluated are geological concerns, surface water, ground water, flooding, air, plants and animals, agricultural resources, aesthetic resources, historic and archeological resources, open space and recreation, critical environmental areas, transportation, energy, noise, odor and light, community plans, and human health.

Supervisor Bettez wanted to propose a change in sales tax from 2% to 1.5%. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, Councilwoman Baer, and Councilman Brownstein spoke in favor of the change. Councilman Torres spoke in opposition of the change.

Councilman Brownstein made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting a SEQRA Determination of Significance for Local Law No. B (Proposed) of 2020, Local Law No. C (Proposed) of 2020 and Local Law D1 of 2020 (Revised Proposed)(Negative Declaration). Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resolution to adopt Local Law B-#2/2020**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution authorizing the adoption by the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz of Local Law No. B (Proposed) of 2020 establishing a Community Preservation Fund and creating a Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board as authorized by General Municipal Law 6-s for the purpose of preserving natural, scenic, historic, and

open space resources within the town. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resolution to adopt Local Law C-#3/2020**

A motion was made by Supervisor to adopt the resolution authorizing the adoption by the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz of Local Law No. C (Proposed) of 2020 for a local law adopting a Community Preservation Project Plan. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast motion carried.

**Set Public Hearing for Revised Local Law D**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt a resolution to schedule a public hearing on proposed Local Law D1 (Revised Proposed) of 2020 relating to a Real Estate Transfer Tax for the Community Preservation Fund for Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

At 8:24pm A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel.

At 8:28 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of Executive Session and authorize the hire of Diane Lee as part-time Building Department Clerk at the rate of \$15.00/hr. beginning July 27, 2020. Seconded Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

At 8:29 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie Mazzaccari  
Deputy Town Clerk