



**Town Board Meeting  
February 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
Via Videoconference**

**Present:** Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Esi Lewis. **Absent:** Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis

At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:01 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

**Public Input:**

Lauren McPadden recently purchased property within the proposed Shawangunk Ridge CEA and asked questions regarding regulations.

**Executive Session:**

At 7:06 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel with Judge Bacon. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:51 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Presentation-Climate Smart Communities Annual Report:**

Janelle Peotter and Joe Londa presented the Annual Report of Activities for 2021. They highlighted New Actions Towards Certification as a Climate Smart Community, Task Force Meetings, Education and Awareness, Task Force Training and other Related Activities on other Boards and Committees.

**Resolution-Repair Café:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres, to adopt the following resolution. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1 of 2022  
IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW PALTZ REPAIR CAFÉ**

**WHEREAS**, Community Repair programs provide the opportunity for residents to bring household items to a local event to be repaired at no charge with skilled volunteers who are also their neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, repair is sustainable and climate smart; and

**WHEREAS**, repair is better than recycling. Making our things last longer is both more efficient and more cost-effective than mining them for raw materials; and

**WHEREAS**, repair makes sure our citizens can choose to repair and reuse instead of throwing away or buying new. Ultimately, this strategy keeps many useful items out of landfills, which are quickly filling up, and decreases greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, repair saves the planet. The earth has limited resources and eventually we will run out. The best way to be efficient is to reuse what we already have; and

**WHEREAS**, not everyone has the skills for all repairs but there are knowledgeable volunteers with Repair Café that can help; and

**WHEREAS**, repair makes us all more resilient as a community as Community Repair programs foster a sense of community engagement, creativity, and fun as repair coaches and community members collaborate to extend the useful life of things they own.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz has pledged to be Climate Smart, and four (4) points towards Climate Smart certification are available for local governments that have hosted or facilitated at least two Community Repair events in the last year, with plans in place to continue the activity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of New Paltz officially sanctions and supports the New Paltz Repair Café which is currently held at the United Methodist Church of New Paltz. The repairs shall be free, will not be a drop-off service, and will occur every other month when possible but at a minimum of twice per year, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of New Paltz supports the New Paltz Repair Café by promoting the event in public forums such as the town website, advertisements, and fliers posted on government property, and/or hosting such an event in a public building or space should that become necessary.

**Planning Board Interview:**

The Board interviewed Adrian Capulli, currently a Planning Board alternate.

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss the Planning Board applicants. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:48 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session and appoint Adrian Capulli to the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Shawangunk Ridge CEA:**

Ingrid Haeckel provided background information and how designating a CEA will affect properties within it relative to the SEQRA review process.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution to designate the Shawangunk Ridge a Critical Environmental Area. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 of 2022****RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND TO DESIGNATE THE SHAWANGUNK RIDGE CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board has recommended that the Shawangunk Ridge be designated as a Critical Environmental Area due to the exceptional and unique environmental characteristics; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.14G, the Town Board may designate a “specific geographic area having exception or unique environmental characteristics” as a Critical Environmental Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Shawangunk Ridge Critical Environmental Area is set forth on a map entitled, “Town of New Paltz- Shawangunk Ridge, Proposed Critical Environmental Area Boundary” (the “CEA Map”); and

**WHEREAS**, to be designated as a Critical Environmental Area, an area must have an exceptional or unique character covering one or more of the following: 1) a benefit or threat to human health; 2) a natural setting (e.g., fish and wildlife habitat, forest and vegetation, open space and areas of important aesthetic or scenic quality); 3) agricultural, social, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, or educational values; or 4) an inherent ecological, geological or hydrological sensitivity to change that may be adversely affected by any change; and

**WHEREAS**, a narrative statement dated May, 2021 has been prepared on behalf of the Town which provides justification for the Shawangunk Ridge Critical Environmental Area, including providing important habitat for several NY species of special concern, contributing to habitat connectivity and including a chestnut oak forest which is ecologically fragile, among other attributes (the “Narrative Statement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning Board has reviewed and commented on the proposal; and,

**WHEREAS**, a duly noticed public hearing was held on May 20, 2021, during which all those who wished to speak were heard and their testimony recorded; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing was published in the Daily Freeman on May 8, 2021, more than 10 days in advance of the meeting, describing the proposed Shawangunk Ridge Critical Environmental Area; and

**WHEREAS**, a map of the proposed Shawangunk Ridge Critical Environmental Area was available for public review at Town Hall and posted on the Town website; and

**WHEREAS**, a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) dated October 29, 2021 has been prepared on behalf of the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has thoroughly analyzed the information concerning relevant areas of environmental concern raised by members of the public and gathered by the Board through its consultants and considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby:

1. Authorizes the Supervisor to sign the EAF
2. Classifies the designation of the Shawangunk Ridge Critical Environmental Area as a Type I action for which there are no other involved agencies.
3. Adopts a negative declaration, determining that the designation of the Shawangunk Ridge Critical Environmental Area will not result in any significant adverse impacts and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.
4. Designates the Shawangunk Ridge Critical Environmental Area pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.14(g), as set forth in the CEA attached hereto and including the list of attached parcels.
5. Directs the Town Clerk to file copies of this Resolution, the Narrative Statement, the CEA Map and the list of tax parcels in her office, with the Commissioner of the DEC, with DEC Region 3 and the Planning Board.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- a. Approval of minutes: Town Board as Police Commission 01/20/22; Town Board 01/20/22

- b. Authorization of tuition reimbursement for John Wilson, NPYP in the amount of \$3,306.95
- c. Reappointment of Dawn Elliot to the Historic Preservation Commission
- d. Approval of waiver of 30-day waiting period for liquor license application: Smash Shack, LLC, 255 Main Street
- e. Authorization of prepay for Q1 2022 payment to New Paltz Rescue Squad, Inc. in the amount of \$59,799.00
- f. Approval of Budget Modifications (see attached .pdf)

<b>TO:</b>				<b>FROM:</b>			
A	1220.100	Supervisor, PS	371.00	A	1220.400	Supervisor, CE	371.00
A	1345.400	Purchasing, CE	225.00	A	1345.470	Purchasing-Justice	546.00
A	1345.480	Purchasing, Public Health	321.00	A	1410.400	Town Clerk, CE	3,407.00
A	1410.100	Town Clerk, PS	5,241.00	A	1440.400	Engineer, CE	1,834.00
A	1620.400	Buildings, CE	5,243.00	A	1620.100	Buildings, PS	5,243.00
A	1670.450	Print/Mail-Town Clerk	2,344.00	A	1670.480	Print/Mail-Comm Health Ed	2,346.00
A	1670.460	Print/Mail-Recreation	1.00	A	1670.510	Print/Mail-Supervisor	3,921.00
A	1670.570	Print/Mail-Tax Collection	1,576.00	A	1990.400	Contingency, CE	24,635.00
A	3120.100	Police, PS	23,395.00	A	3120.400	Police, CE	23,395.00
A	3510.100	Control of Dogs, PS	66.00	A	3510.400	Control of Dogs, CE	66.00
A	4050.100	Public Health, PS	987.00	A	7150.441	Recreation-Clearwater Park	313.00
A	4050.400	Public Health, CE	1,359.00				
A	7020.100	Recreation Admin, PS	158.00				
A	7150.458	Recreation-Comm Ctr	155.00				
A	7310.400	Youth, CE	5,600.00				
A	7510.400	Historian, CE	45.00				
A	8090.100	Environ Contrl-CPP Sec, PS	71.00				
A	8090.420	Environ Contrl-CPP, CE	2,540.00				
A	9030.800	Social Security	16,379.00				
			<b>66,077.00</b>				<b>66,077.00</b>

<b>TO:</b>				<b>FROM:</b>			
B	1670.430	Print/Mail-Build Inspector	124.00	B	3620.100	Safety Inspection, PS	124.00
B	8010.400	Zoning, CE	1,693.00	B	8020.430	Planning-Attorney	1,854.00
B	8020.400	Planning, CE	161.00	B	8090.400	ENCC, CE	67.00
B	8090.100	Environ Ctrl-ENCB, PS	67.00				<b>2,045.00</b>
			<b>2,045.00</b>				
<b>TO:</b>				<b>FROM:</b>			
DB	1420.400	Attorney, CE	550.00	DB	5110.400	General Repairs, CE	9,672.00
DB	1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	26.00				
DB	5110.100	General Repairs, PS	5,249.00				
DB	5132.400	Garage, CE	1,662.00				
DB	5140.100	Misc (Brush & Weeds), PS	1,631.00				
DB	5140.400	Misc (Brush & Weeds), CE	553.00				
DB	9061.800	Dental Insurance	1.00				
			<b>9,672.00</b>				<b>9,672.00</b>

<b>TO:</b>				<b>FROM:</b>			
SSA	8110.100	Administration, PS	17.00	SSA	8110.400	Administration, CE	17.00
SSF	1420.400	Attorney, CE	342.00	SSF	8130.100	Sewage Collecting Sys, PS	394.00
SSF	8110.100	Administration, PS	52.00				
			<b>394.00</b>				
SWA	8310.100	Administration, PS	139.00	SWA	8310.400	Administration, CE	139.00
SWB	8310.100	Administration, PS	20.00	SWB	8310.400	Administration, CE	20.00
SWC	8320.400	Source Supply/Pwr/Pump, C	148.00	SWC	8340.100	Transmission & Distrib, PS	148.00
SWD	8310.100	Administration, PS	1.00	SWD	8310.400	Administration, CE	1.00

Request authorization to <i>increase</i> the 2021 adopted budget for the receipt of grant funding:							
<b>Increase</b>				<b>Increase</b>			
A	510	Anticipated Revenues	11,961.67	A	960	Appropriations	11,961.67
A	980-3597	State Aid-Climate Smart		A	22-8090-40	nviron Contl-Naturl Resourc Inv	11,961.67
<b>Increase</b>				<b>Increase</b>			
A	510	Anticipated Revenues	600.00	A	960	Appropriations	600.00
A	980-3597	State Aid-Climate Smart		A	22-8090-41	reenhse Gas Emissns Acctg & Rpt	600.00
<b>Increase</b>				<b>Increase</b>			
SSF	510	Anticipated Revenues	6,817.50	SSF	960	Appropriations	6,817.50
SSF	980-3989	State Aid-EFC		SSF	22-1440-40	Engineering, CE	6,817.50
Request authorization to <i>increase</i> the 2022 adopted budget for the use of ARPA funding:							
<b>Increase</b>				<b>Increase</b>			
A	510	Anticipated Revenues	15,000.00	A	960	Appropriations	15,000.00
A	980-4089	ARPA Funds		A	22-4050-40	Public Health, Other	15,000.00
<b>Increase</b>				<b>Increase</b>			
A	510	Anticipated Revenues	10,000.00	A	960	Appropriations	10,000.00
A	980-4089	ARPA Funds		A	22-7310-40	Youth, CE	10,000.00
Request authorization to <i>increase</i> the 2022 adopted budget for the use of an insurance recovery:							
<b>Increase</b>				<b>Increase</b>			
A	510	Anticipated Revenues	1,725.84	A	960	Appropriations	1,725.84
A	980-2680	Insurance Recoveries		A	22-3120-40	Police, CE	1,725.84

g. Acceptance of Resignation: Luis Torres, Court Officer, effective 1/27/2022

**Approval of Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Money for 2022:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the Highway 284 Agreement for 2022. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:07 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse  
Town Clerk