

**Public Hearing
April 19, 2018
Cable Vision of Wappingers Falls, Inc (Altice USA)**

The Public Hearing for the Cable Vision of Wappingers Falls Inc, (Altice) USA contract was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

Supervisor Shannon Harris called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:02 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN BOARD
MEETING APRIL 19, 2018**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK TO OPEN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 7:02PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

CPC Update– Jared Geuss

The community bus tour was held Friday April 13th which covered 38 stops around the community. In attendance was Myles Putman, Town Consultant and representatives from the Laberge Group, the engineering and planning consulting firm who were hired by the CPC to

help with the update of the Master Plan. Myles gave a narrative on areas around Esopus to help everyone understand the origin of the land. He also discussed previous uses of many parcels. April 25th will be the roundtable discussions with Emergency Services, TEVAS, Fire Departments, CPC Members and Business Alliance Members. A postcard is being sent out inviting residents to an Open House at the Town Hall on May 5th from 9am – 3pm. May 24th will be the Town-wide Design Workshop. On June 21st a preview of the Master Plan will be revealed based on the findings from these meetings and workshops. The public is encouraged to participate in these events.

Ulster County Association of Supervisors & Mayors Update

Association of Mayors and Supervisors looked at two energy companies for Community Choice Aggregation, (CCA). The Town of Ulster is leading the initiative and has passed a law allowing them to make their choice of energy companies instead of falling to the default company the state choose. If anyone is interested in working with Supervisor Harris, they should contact her. Supervisor Harris was unsure how this would work with our current solar initiatives in town. The group is looking into buying energy in bulk to get a better rate for the municipalities.

Councilperson Chris Farrell made the suggestion that the supervisors also look into a consortium for health insurance to get a better rate.

CABLEVISION OF WAPPINGERS FALLS INC. 10 YEAR AGREEMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ACCEPT THE CABLEVISION OF WAPPINGERS FALLS INC. FRANCHISE RENEWAL AGREEMENT AS WRITTEN AND AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

SPECTRUM CONTRACT

The contract is not ready and is still going through the legal process. The list of equipment needed for Public Access Television was given but no update or changes have been made.

TOWN OF ESOPUS RESOLUTION
TO RENEW THE LIBERTA BROTHERS, INC. CONTRACT
FOR A FIVE DAY OPERATION OF THE
TOWN OF ESOPUS TRANSFER STATION

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as follows,

Whereas, Leonard Liberta, Liberta Brothers, Inc., Pine Plains, New York, was the sole bidder of the RFP for operation of the Transfer Station held on March 22, 2017, and

Whereas, the Town Transfer Station, 70 West Shore Drive, West Park, New York will be operated on a five day schedule, and

Whereas, the Term of Agreement between the Town of Esopus and Liberta Brothers, Inc., was awarded for a one-year period on March 22, 2017, which will be effective May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018 with a five year renewal option at the discretion of the Town Board, and

Whereas, the Town Board and Leonard Liberta have agreed to exercise the five year renewal option for the operation of the Transfer Station.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town of Esopus Town Board shall hire Leonard Liberta, Liberta Brothers Inc., for the operation of the Town of Esopus Transfer Station, five (5) days per week, in the amount of \$72,000 annually for a five year term ending April 30, 2023.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Kathie Quick
Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Jared Geuss

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

**Minor change to the contract is necessary to allow for the days of operation to be changed if it is decide the Transfer Station would be open Wednesday - Sunday vs. Tuesday – Saturday.

**TOWN OF ESOPUS
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE
BLACK CREEK PRESERVE CULVERT MITIGATION PROJECT**

**The Scenic Hudson Land Trust Grant Application to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Hudson River Estuary Program for *Black Creek Preserve Culvert Mitigation Project***

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York the following;

WHEREAS, The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. (Scenic Hudson), having its principle offices at One Civic Center Plaza, Suite 200, Poughkeepsie, NY, is a not-for-profit corporation under New York State law which is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and which, among other things, works to conserve natural lands and open space in the Hudson Valley of New York State for the benefit of the public;

WHEREAS, Scenic Hudson owns and manages 130 acres known as Black Creek Preserve, located in the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York;

WHEREAS, the Black Creek Preserve provides free year-round public access for passive recreation including hiking, fishing and bird watching; and educational and community science programming such as the American eel research project;

WHEREAS, Scenic Hudson, as stewards of Black Creek Preserve, wishes to improve the aquatic habitat in the creek and its tributaries, where possible, and alleviate potential flooding on Winding Brook Road (privately owned by Scenic Hudson).

WHEREAS, Scenic Hudson is submitting an application to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program *Grant for Tributary Restoration and Resiliency*. *The proposed grant project—Black Creek Preserve Culvert Mitigation Project* - will enable Scenic Hudson to replace a conventional and undersized culvert with a bottomless one under Winding Brook Road. This improvement will help achieve the goal of restoring habitat for the American eel by creating an uninterrupted stream connection between a tributary of Black Creek and the Hudson River. This infrastructure improvement will also increase resiliency to flooding on Winding Brook Road by using a culvert design that accommodates higher storm water flows.

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of this grant program, the applicant, Scenic Hudson, must obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project is located;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus hereby does approve and endorse the application of Scenic Hudson for a grant through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program *Grant for Tributary Restoration and Resiliency for the Black Creek Preserve Culvert Mitigation Project*.

Resolution offered by: Councilperson Kathie Quick

Resolution seconded by: Councilperson Jared Geuss

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet	AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick	AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss	AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell	AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris	AYE

Legislative Initiatives - Laura Petit, Esopus Legislator

Legislator Petit is working on several grants for the Town and gave a brief update of items that are needed. The Solorize Esopus RFP needs to be approved prior to being advertised in the newspaper. Supervisor Harris is working with Attorney Paul Kellar on the matter.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS – April 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, County of Ulster as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has been presented with vouchers for payment and these vouchers have been examined and approved by the Town Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vouchers be approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	181133 - 181189	\$ 61,636.96
HIGHWAY FUND	182061 -182099	\$ 61,738.70
	182082 void	
STREET LIGHTS	186004	\$ 6,471.18
PORT EWEN SEWER FUND	183024 - 183040	\$ 34,845.42
PORT EWEN WATER FUND	184066 - 184101	\$ 37,142.97
Capital	000006-000008	\$ 3,574.20
TOTAL		\$ 205,409.43

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Chris Farrell

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet AYE
Councilperson Jared Geuss AYE
Councilperson Kathie Quick AYE
Councilperson Chris Farrell AYE
Supervisor Shannon Harris AYE

ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PARTICULAR CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS AT 8:00 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT AND NEGOTIATING FINANCIAL COMPENSATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GEUSS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**** APPOINTMENT - KAREN WINKLE- GORSLINE**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO APPOINT KAREN WINKLE- GORSLINE AS CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT AND PROJECT MANAGER, FOR 30-34 HOURS PER WEEK EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2018 AT THE RATE OF \$18 PER HOUR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:42 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

*Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*