

**Town Board Meeting
April 15, 2021**

A regularly scheduled Town Board meeting was held at the Esopus Town Hall 1 Town Hall Way Ulster, Park NY. The meeting was also available via zoom, live streamed on Facebook and televised on local access channel 23 on Thursday April 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Jared Geuss
Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Chris Farrell
Councilman Evelyn Clarke
Councilman Laura Robinson**

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

SUPERVISOR GEUSS MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AT 7:27 PM, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL LAWS 8-12 OF 2021 WERE HELD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

[Local Law No. 8 of 2021](#) – Repealing Esopus Town Code § 123, “Zoning”, and Replacing it with a New § 123, “Zoning” AND [Local Law No. 12 of 2021](#) – Creating a new § 91 of the Esopus Town Code, “Noise Control” will undergo significant revisions and will be re introduced at the next workshop meeting and new public hearings will be set. Action on local laws 9 – 11 will be considered at the May 6, 2021 workshop.

Supervisor Geuss announced guidelines for public comment and asked speakers to respect the process in which the Board conducts business. Comments held to 3 minutes, present public comment to Town Board only and no one else. No interruption of Board comment or public comment. Negative comments directed towards individuals in the audience whether Town employees, applicants invited by the Board or private citizens that are intended to publically question one’s motives character or personal well being will not be tolerated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ANDY VANDERPOOL, Kingston is here because of the access to Sleightsburgh Park and read the following statement:

Recently sent email to the Board regarding the Sleightsburgh Spit. Kathie and Jared replied and he appreciated that. I am here tonight because what you stated in your email correspondence doesn’t agree with what I heard at last Thursday’s meeting, I’m looking for some clarification.

This park was built with public money for all the public to use freely and lawfully. This park is not for the exclusive use of just Sleightsburgh residents. I am not opposed to any changes that help control any illegal activity in the area, however, duck hunting is not an illegal activity and it is specifically mentioned in the easement.

“The property shall be used for recreational purposes including boat launching, fishing, hunting, nature study, picnicking and other forms of passive recreation. The property shall be open to the general public and no members of the public shall be excluded from use of the property without just cause.”

From the November Board meeting:

Councilperson Chris Farrell said the intent when the Town originally took this property over was to open the space to as much recreational use as possible and provide access for boating, fishing and hunting of waterfowl. He said we should try to meet that goal. The idea of putting a gate in there is the best solution because we know who has the access to the park and we can control when it is open and closed. We are taking into consideration all of the recommendations that have been made by the Waterfront Advisory Board based on the mediation meetings. Installing the gate and issuing keys to the gate will allow us control over who has the keys. It will allow us to control when it is up and down. Evening kayakers can go out in the evenings and let themselves out when they return. Hunters can get in at 4-5 am to duck hunt. Several good suggestions have been made by the WAB/mediation group.

April 1st I hear the park is going to be opened a half hour before sunrise and all keys must be turned in, this in essence is excluding a group of people without just cause. Councilman Farrell stated at the most recent meeting that “they can go somewhere else.” Why this reversal? This is a pretty radical change from his comments just 5 months ago. When I hunt in this area, I use a kayak, to kayak down river from Rider Park to get to Sleightsburgh is a dangerous undertaking and is not feasible. It has been made clear over and over again that the key holders are not responsible for any illegal activity. The Town knows who the key holders are, and with a working security system they could identify anyone abusing their privileges, but just to revoke this system which has worked so well for so long without just cause seems to be direct conflict with the easement and the Waterfront Advisory Board’s recommendations which this Board unanimously adopted just a few months ago.

I would like to remind this Board that having a few bullies dictate how a public park is to be utilized is just wrong. People that are willing to place their own lock on the gate illegally are bullies and should not be rewarded for their “the ends justify the means” attitude, and that is exactly what is happening here. Sleightsburgh is not a gated community and a truck driving down a public road is not a quality-of-life issue. Yes, crime is a quality-of-life concern and should be dealt with accordingly, but the most recent changes to access this park with no just cause leads me to believe that you were recently bullied into making these changes without looking at the needs of the community at large. By community at large I mean the people who

use this park. To limit the access which was just done recently is wrong and should be reconsidered.

Jim Tomassetti, Sleightsburgh –said he does not join the group they call Sleightsburgh residents; a self formed group. He has lived in Sleightsburgh for 26 years. He loves his boats and often uses the ramp at least a couple days a week. From what he has heard, the latest limited restriction to have boats out of the water by sunset is very restrictive for how he uses the launch. He often goes out to Mills Mansion and anchors out to have dinner and watches the sunset. Therefore getting his boat out of the water at sunset is very difficult, since Mills is at least 5 miles away. What was agreed to last year was putting the gate in and people would have the ability to get out of the park after the sunset hours and just limit the people coming into the park at that time. He is opposed to cars/ trailers being towed. To come back to the dock, maybe even after having a boat breaks down, just to find their car and trailer gone; he doesn't know what they would do with their boat in that case. There needs to be a solution for that; you would need a larger dock four times the size.

As a resident of Sleightsburgh he is down to the park a fair amount of time and sees very little crime or loitering. It's a lightly used park except this time of year for striper fishing. His house is above the park on the waterside and he hears very little going on. He supports Andy's comments about it being a public road. If we are going to start limiting who can go on the public road it should be limited by my house too and by North Broadway; we are not in a gated community. We should treat other people from Ulster County the way they treat us. Charles Rider Park is open. Kingston point is open; we should treat them with equal respect as they treat us.

George Turk, Ulster Park- shared the following encounter. "I was down at Sleightsburgh Park minding my own business when a guy came up behind me screaming at me to pick my cigarette butts up and a piece of tissue on the ground in the corner and continued to screamed pick it up, (which was not his). His name is Terry Gallo. Then he was trying to get me to hit him. Then after I told him to get away from me or we are going to have a problem he gets in his car, peels off spiting rocks. Next thing you know the Sheriffs are down there asking us if there is a litter bug down here. That's ridiculous. Mr. Gallo said he is the one who is trying to close the park". "The other day I was down there and next to me was a guy with his 4 year old kid who caught their first fish and you want to close this -it's ridiculous. I've never seen crime down there; I have been hunting and fishing for years.

DOUG MAINS, River Rd. – Back in November the Town Board voted to open as per the Waterfront Advisory Board report. He said he has watched meetings from March 22 and other meetings in the past when the subject has been discussed. "Everyone was on board for us having keys and having access, now all of a sudden 3 members of the Town Board have a private meeting with the Sleightsburgh residents that was not publicized and asked if there were any meeting minutes for that meeting. I believe that is illegal from what I have been told and what I have looked up." He would like to know what was discussed at that meeting and why it wasn't publicly noticed, or anyone notified about it. On 4/1 now all of a sudden there is

a reversal of what was decided in November. There was a mention of putting a jersey barrier up, the road that road is already tight. The fence is actually on Town property; he did call the Code Enforcement Officer, feel free to call him. He sent the Town Board an email with the code in it. If there is an issue, move the fence. " I live on River Road, I have 3 parks on the road and according to the rules which you just did, I could get 2 -3 neighbors together and complain the parks are open and can dictate who comes and goes down River Rd and at what time. " Also I'd like to know when KOSCO was active in Sleightsburgh how many complaints were there about trucks coming in and out all hours of the night including tractor trailers towing tanker trucks. I bet you didn't have a single one because some of the people who are complaining worked for KOSCO so they wouldn't complain about it.

Mike Pagnotta , E Stout Ave. "We were originally given a key so we can fish. Fishing doesn't occur between 6 am – 9 pm; you fish according to the tides. I explained that to Evelyn and Chris. People who are in there fishing are not the problem. You give out a handful of keys, what is the difference if we are down there during the night or day. If you want to close it at night to stop people from being down there partying, then I guess people need to register. If they have a boat and want to launch there, they can register and get a key to allow them to come and go as they want. To limit the access, have a key and still not be able to go use it that's absurd. On March 30th I went down to make sure my key worked and I was harassed from the time I pulled up to the gate to the time I left. I went in at 4 am opening morning to fish at 6 am Town residents were in there giving me a hard time and this was not the first time. When Chris came down, what were there 4 or 5 people, if that tops? You are not talking about 30-40 people in there partying. Once you make the turn off the main road into the park you are a half mile away from the people and even if you are talking loud they are not going to hear it. How are you going to stop someone from going past their house to get in there? That's like me saying," lets close Evelyn's road because she lives by Ross Park and people are going to Ross Park". Needs to be resolved or it will be a never ending battle.

Carl Carlson, Ulster Park, spends a lot of time at the Port Ewen diner. This time of the year there are a lot of guys coming in from other states like Maine and Connecticut to fish for stripers. It brings business in, they eat here and they used to lodge here when there was a place to stay. They bring a few bucks in to the local businesses. They have food delivered. Small business benefits from it. He said he backs the guys 100% and has never seen any problems down there. They need to get in before 6 am.

Elizabeth Barnett, Riverview -When they go Kayaking they cannot go out in 100 degree weather and it doesn't make sense to go out in the middle of the day. If they have to come in by sunset that means they come back with the sun directly in their eyes. She said that affects her ability go blind. She said, "I have to choose to not kayak or go blind, that's my choice. In addition to that heat exhaustion and sun in our eyes". It seems sunsets are illegal. Now no one can see a sunset, you can't see it from Wurtz Street Bridge because it's closed; you can't see it from the 9W Bridge without getting hit. If there was illegal activity happening after sunset you have all the names of the people with keys and they could help report and be the eyes and ears to keep the place safer. She said she was told by someone that the reason they were eliminating access

at night was because someone drowned in 2001. She researched it and the family drowned at 4:30 in the afternoon and they were from Sleightsburgh. A whole family decided to go into the area that she has now been told to launch. The reason they died was because the tide changes are dangerous in that area; you can get swept away. "Now I'm told I can't launch the way we normally launch, I'm told we can't go kayaking when it's cool enough and in order for us to get back on time I have to come directly back with the sun in my eyes". She said the week before they decided to lock the gate. The woman at the top of the hill was complaining that people were tying their boats up in front of her house. If we have to hightail it out of there so we are not arrested, that is where we have to tie up our boats to make sure it is safe and secure. Now we have to rush out of there so she is going to have everybody tying their boats up out there to make sure it is safe.'

Rodney Schwarz, Kayaks with his friend Elizabeth and they have keys; they have seen no problems. Elizabeth has eye problems and he is over 80; they do not want to go out in the heat of the day and they don't want to come back in with the sun in their eyes. After sunset it is fine and they can see, they have lights on their boat. The locals who don't use Sleightsburgh do not realize the resource it is. It's a world class resource. Maybe you can make some money off of it, offer season passes. He's on a fixed income and doesn't really want to spend money on stuff like that but said to use a facility like that it would be worth it. Maybe arrangements can be made for people with low income to have a pass. Other places charge money, but has never been charged for kayaking. Where is all the excitement that is supposed to happen late at night down there? He has come in at 11 or 12 at night several times and never encountered any drug deals or partying. He cannot imagine between November and now that there has been much going on there. He used the key during the winter.

He also asked if there was a way to get a traffic light in there because there is only room for one car at a time to enter/exit. Supervisor Geuss answered there is no power back that far and it is not cost effective at this time; maybe at some point Central Hudson will help us out. .

Stephen Britton, Lindorf Street. Written public comment received:

I am a 30 year resident of Esopus, and only recently became aware of restricted hours for using the Sleightsburgh boat launch. I was a member of the Esopus Environmental Advisory Committee during the planning stages of the park, and the intent of the project was to allow access for residents, including evening and night hours. The public launch was built using State grant monies with fishing and recreational boating access as a main priority. I have used the launch for night fishing on the creek and river in the past, and after recently retiring, I was planning on night fishing in the coming months. The restrictions that are in place will not afford me that ability to use the public launch for night fishing. Also, with the restrictions that are in place now, I am leery to use the launch anytime late in the day as it is my understanding that if I am delayed and can't get back to the ramp in time, my car would be towed. This seems absurd. I am against the current restrictions and any new restrictions that will hinder the use of the ramp for recreational boaters. Thank you for your consideration.

SLEIGHTSBURGH – Status of current and future improvements to Sleightsburgh Spit Park. Supervisor Geuss gave an update right now the Parks Department is putting forms in for the gate. We are scheduled for installation of the automatic gate on Wednesday 4/21; depending on weather. The Town Board is working on this matter daily through phone calls, text and emails. We are weighing all options and concerns. Once the gate is in, hopefully by the next meeting we will have rules on how we are going to proceed. It is going to depend on the options and making sure timers on the gate are working correctly. We are taking in all the comments from tonight's meeting as well as from previous meetings and are working hard to make the right and final decision. We can make it work with security; we will know who is by the gate and final rules and regulations. The details of the gate will be worked out and a decision will be made for the rules. Once the gate is installed and is functioning, the key holders will not have off hour access until the Board works out the details of the gate and figures out how they want to proceed with pass access.

Executive Session

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE HISTORY OF AN EMPLOYEE IN THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT. WATER SUPERINTENDENT DON KIERNAN WAS INVITED IN TO THE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:25 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Sketch Plan Review – 289 Broadway Application from Wright Architects, LLC.

Review of Application Materials: Sonia and Andrew Wright reviewed their project which has not significantly changed since the last presentation made to the Board. The project still includes 12 town houses, a mixed use building, apartments, pocket park, etc. They are seeking waivers for first-floor building height, front setback, and orientation of residential buildings.

Matt Rogers provided a review of the sketch plan as outlined in a document provided to the Town Board.

- **First-Floor Building Height:** Pursuant to § 123-18(H)(2)(b)[4] first floor building heights shall be 12 feet measured floor to floor. While the Applicant is proposing a first-floor height of 12 feet for the mixed-use building, the first floors for the residential townhouses are proposed at 10 ft. 8 inches. Laberge Group recommends the Town Board grant this waiver

as the 12 foot first-floor requirement is intended for mixed-use buildings to facilitate an active pedestrian streetscape. A reduction in the first-floor height of the townhouses will not adversely impact the overall project and remains consistent with the Intent and Objectives of the law.

- **Townhouse Front Setbacks:** Pursuant to § 123-(G)(1)(b), buildings in the GC Zoning District are required to have front setbacks no greater than 30 feet. The proposed mixed-use building and townhouses TH1-TH5 will comply with the maximum setback. In an effort to improve the aesthetics of the townhouses, they are proposed to be stepped back 19 inches from one another. As a result, TH6-TH12 will exceed the 30-foot maximum setback. The intent of the setback limitations is to facilitate an active streetscape with buildings closer to the sidewalk and to leave sufficient room for parking in the rear of the buildings. Laberge Group recommends the Town Board issue a waiver for the setbacks as the proposed design will not negatively impact the streetscape and parking is proposed at the rear of the buildings. The stepped buildings will also improve the overall aesthetics of the project as viewed from 9W.
- **Building Orientation:** Pursuant to § 123-(H)(2)(b)[1], buildings must present their main façade and entrance toward the primary street. While the mixed-use building faces Rt. 9W, the entrances to the townhouses are located in the rear. This is required due to the slope of the site and the fact that parking is located in the rear of the buildings. The Applicant has improved the townhouse front façades in response to past Town Board comments and as proposed, will establish an attractive streetscape. Therefore, Laberge Group recommends the Town Board issue a waiver for the proposed townhouse orientation.

Compliance with Sketch Plan Requirements & Determination of Merit Pursuant to § 123-18(l)(3), the Town Board is required to review sketch plan applications and make a determination of merit for further consideration. Based upon a review of the requirements in the above-mentioned subsection, the proposed project:

- Meets the Intent and Objectives and requirements (except those where waivers have been requested) of the Mixed-Use Floating Zone regulations.
 - Conforms with the Comprehensive Plan and existing Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
 - Meets local and regional housing and economic development needs.
- In addition, the Application includes all additionally requested information and the townhouse designs have been significantly improved from the original submissions.

Based upon the documentation provided, Laberge Group recommends that the Esopus Town Board formally determine that the 289 Broadway Mixed-Use Floating Zone Sketch Plan Application has merit for further consideration. If the Town Board is in agreement with this recommendation, a written determination of its decision shall be provided to the Applicant and

all application materials shall be forwarded to the Planning Board to begin their Preliminary Site Plan Review in accordance with § 123-18(l)(5).

Next Review Steps

The following outlines the key next steps for the review of the Application.

1. Planning Board Preliminary Site Plan Review:
 - a. The Planning Board shall render either a favorable or unfavorable report to the Town Board within 90 days of receipt of all necessary application materials. The Planning Board has the option to hold a public hearing.
 - b. The issuance of a favorable report shall constitute preliminary site plan approval.
2. Town Board Designation of MFZ:
 - a. Upon receipt of a favorable report from the Planning Board, the Town Board shall initiate the procedures for re-zoning the subject parcel(s) pursuant to the procedures established under Section 123-50 of the current Zoning Law.
 - b. The Town Board shall hold a public hearing.
 - c. Referrals made pursuant to Section 123-51 of the current Zoning Law.
 - d. Town Board issues an approval or denial.
3. Planning Board Site Plan Review:
 - a. Upon Town Board granting of the MFZ District, the applicant shall proceed to site plan approval in accordance with Section 123-55 of the current Zoning Law.

Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Esopus Determining the Mixed-Floating Zone Sketch Plan Application For 289 Broadway has Merit to Proceed

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus received a Sketch Plan application (the Application) from Blue Stone Realty, LLC (the Applicant) on March 30, 2021 seeking approval of a proposal at 289 Broadway in Port Ewen in accordance with § 123-18 Mixed-Use Floating Zone regulations (MFZ); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MFZ, the Town Board has the authority to review MFZ Sketch Plan applications to determine if they have merit to proceed to the Planning Board for Preliminary Site Plan Review; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt, the Application was reviewed by Town Board consultant Laberge Group to determine completeness and it was determined that additional information was required; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant provided the requested information and upon further review, Laberge Group concluded that the Application was sufficiently complete for initial review and recommended the Town Board make a determination that the Application has merit for further review and should be forwarded to the Planning Board immediately to begin Preliminary Site Plan Review; and

WHEREAS, Laberge Group's review of the Application and recommendations to the Town Board are detailed in an April 14, 2021 Memorandum to the Town Board, which is attached to this resolution.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the completed Application and are in agreement with the recommendations set forth in the April 14, 2021 Laberge Group Memorandum.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK:

1. The MFZ Sketch Plan Application for 289 Broadway, submitted by Blue Stone Realty, LLC is deemed sufficiently complete for review and has merit to proceed to the Planning Board for Preliminary Site Plan Review in accordance with the MFZ.
2. The Application for 289 Broadway shall be forwarded to the Planning Board with a copy of the Laberge Group April 14, 2021 Memorandum.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution offered by: Councilman Kathie Quick

Resolution seconded by: Councilman Chris Farrell

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| Councilman Laura Robinson | AYE |
| Councilman Evelyn Clarke | AYE |
| Councilman Kathie Quick | AYE |
| Councilman Chris Farrell | AYE |
| Supervisor Jared Geuss | AYE |

Resolution duly adopted.

Ross Park – review of purchases and actions considered necessary and/or beneficial to the upkeep of Ross Park in advance of the 2021 Summer Camp Program.

Supervisor Geuss said the Parks Department has to make some upgrades. We need to look through bids for mulch and replace some doors. Supervisor Geuss said they have a current bid for 5 doors and he has asked for a breakdown per door because they may only need to replace 3 out of the 5. Supervisor Geuss will have it itemized to save money; mulch around \$3,000 has to be certified playground mulch. So we will look to get that out to bid. Other items needing to be addressed is a pot hole on the tennis court, picnic tables will be going out, graffiti in pavilion will be taken care of replacing the refrigerator(\$300) and anything else the YMCA needs us to coordinate with. He will get things narrowed down and bring the cost back for approval. They are cleaning out the storage area.

Written Public Comment asked to be read:

I respectfully request my email be read during the Public Comment session at the 4/15/21 Town Board meeting. It addresses the "review and potential approval of purchases and actions considered necessary and/or beneficial to the upkeep of Ross Park in advance of the 2021 Summer Camp Program.

I am a resident of West Stout Street. I live directly across the street from the tennis courts and backstop. We have no posted speed limit on this street, adjacent to the park. We do not have a "Playground" speed limit sign like the one on Bowne Street. I'm not sure if this side of the park

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is considered a "playground" or a "park". Plenty of children "play" on this side. There is also no fence extending from the lower basketball court to the backstop.

I bring this to your attention because the town speed limit is often exceeded on this street by residents, delivery vehicles, and ATV riders. I have seen children chase balls into the street! There can be quite a bit of car and pedestrian traffic entering and exiting the parking area on a nice day.

Please consider erecting a speed limit or "Children at Play" or "Playground" sign on the West Stout Ave. side of Ross Park. I know that during the 2019 summer recreation program this side of the park, including the backstop, was used by the campers.

Perhaps there is an economical solution to erecting some sort of barrier utilizing the existing wood posts that are on the edge of the park next to the parking area. It would not have to be a tall fence. It would just have to be tall enough to keep the children from running or biking into the road and basketballs, tennis balls, and baseballs from having to be chased.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Best Regards,
Patricia Shaw

Supervisor Geuss said he thinks signs can easily be accommodated.

Camp information can be obtained through the YMCA or from the link on the Esopus website. The Board received an email questioning the ability of 7 and 8th graders being able to attend the park program as they have in the past. The YMCA registration is only offering camp sessions at Esopus through 6th grade. Councilman Clarke asked if we knew if there were a number of kids in that age group that were interested in attending. Supervisor Geuss will reach out to Heidi at the YMCA to see if there is a way to accommodate the request. Councilperson Laura Robinson asked if there was a discount for second and third siblings. Supervisor Geuss said there is a discount for residents who sign up prior to May 31, 2021, but unsure if there is any sibling discount, he will look into that.

Parks Cleanup – Upcoming cleanup effort led by Riverkeeper at 6 locations in the Town of Esopus. Sleightsburgh Park to be held on May 1st from 11 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are still needed at Lighthouse Park, Rondout Creek as well as Sleightsburgh Spit. Volunteers should bring their own gloves and water bottles; register through Riverkeeper. Focus will be on the shoreline. Clean up efforts will be taking place at the following 6 locations:

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| Lighthouse Park | The Mount |
| Riverview Cove | Sleightsburgh Spit |
| Freer Park | Rondout creek via Kayak |

Councilperson Farrell asked if there could be more than one garbage can placed at the Spit. People have requested one on the pier where people fish.

LABERGE CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Supervisor Geuss said action should be taken on 3 out of the 5 proposed laws. Major revisions are needed on Laws 8 & 12 which will require a few more meetings and time will have to be spent making final revisions. The contract addendum was previously signed for continuation of service. This would allow Laberge to execute off the existing contract fee schedule 2020080-00.

SUPERVISOR GEUSS MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE WITH THE CONTACT ADDENDUM 2020080-00 WITH LABERGE GROUP FOR CONTINUATION OF SERVICES FOR THE LOCAL LAWS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED.

GREENWAY GRANT

This resolution is to endorse an application to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Park and Trail Improvements for Sleightsburgh Park. In looking at all the work that was being planned at Sleightsburgh park and upgrades with the waterfront, the Waterfront Advisory Board and Laberge narrowed it down to be one of the best candidates for the Town to receive the Greenway Trail Grant. Councilman Kathie Quick said the park needs a little love. The Town has heard from the insurance company that we are covered for the trails. The Town is putting time and effort into areas that can be used for recreation. This resolution does not commit us to anything; it's an endorsement for Laberge and the Waterfront Advisory Board to move forward. Councilman Quick asked if we would see this quickly or for next year. Supervisor Geuss did not have a timeline for the grant; phase to get things moving.

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AN APPLICATION TO THE

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY CONSERVANCY TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM

FOR THE TOWN OF ESOPUS IN ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus recently adopted their Comprehensive Plan Update and the Esopus Riverfront Access and Connections Study which recommends improvements to Sleightsburgh Park, Lighthouse Park, and George H. Freer Memorial Beach Park, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has begun the process of implementing the Access Plan and Comprehensive Plan recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus has identified the Hudson River Valley Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program as a potential source of funding to assist with the implementation of improvements at one or more of the Town’s waterfront parks, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Esopus is a Greenway Community and seeks to apply to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program for a project entitled “Town of Esopus Waterfront Parks Improvements” to be located in the Town of Esopus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Esopus hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program, for a project known as the ‘Town of Esopus Waterfront Parks Improvements” and located within this community.

Resolution offered by: Councilman Kathie Quick
Seconded by: Councilman Evelyn Clarke

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

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| Councilman Laura Robinson | AYE |
| Councilman Evelyn Clarke | AYE |
| Councilman Chris Farrell | AYE |
| Councilman Kathie Quick | AYE |
| Supervisor Jared Geuss | AYE |

DATED: Ulster Park, New York
April 15, 2021

HOLLY A. NETTER, TOWN CLERK

Bid Results – for sale of a 2015 Freightliner Dump Truck with Plow & Wing by the Esopus Highway Department. One bid was received in the amount of \$35,000

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLARKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE BID OF \$35,000 FOR THE SALE OF A 2015 FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK #3 WITH PLOW & WING . THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE:

The Town is accepting applications for 2 seasonal positions for the Parks and Recreation department, information is available at www.esopus.com

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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 budget adjustments and the adjustments have been examined and approved by the Town Board.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following budget adjustments be approved for payment:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR APRIL 2021

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| AO 1355.100 Assessor Labor | \$9,500 | AO 1355.401 | \$ 9,500 |
| | | Dan Baker | |
| SS 0599.000 Fund Balance | \$376.65 | SS 9785.600 | \$376.65 |
| | | Installment purchase debt | |

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

OFFERED BY: Councilman Chris Farrell
SECONDED BY: Councilman Kathie Quick

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| Councilman Laura Robinson | AYE |
| Councilman Evelyn Clarke | AYE |
| Councilman Kathie Quick | AYE |
| Councilman Chris Farrell | AYE |
| Supervisor Jared Geuss | AYE |

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS APRIL 2021

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:

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| GENERAL FUND | 211139 - 211199 | \$85,736.08 |
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| HIGHWAY FUND | 212036 - 212060 | \$40,257.79 |
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| STREET LIGHTS | 216002 - 216002 | \$6,240.00 |
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| PORT EWEN SEWER FUND | 213031 - 213042 | \$ 20,824.01 |
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| PORT EWEN WATER FUND | 214055 - 214085 | \$ 23,019.65 |
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| Water Captial | | |
| TOTAL | | \$176,077.53 |

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS.

OFFERED BY: Councilman Chris Farrell
SECONDED BY: Councilman Evelyn Clarke

Councilman Laura Robinson AYE
Councilman Evelyn Clarke AYE
Councilman Kathie Quick AYE
Councilman Chris Farrell AYE
Supervisor Jared Geuss AYE

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

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUCNILMAN CHRIS FARRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:02 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter
 Town Clerk, RMC