

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
Tuesday December 1, 2020**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting continued following the public hearings on December 1, 2020 with the following persons in attendance via zoom:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Evelyn Clarke
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

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

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM , TELEVISED LIVE ON CHANNEL 23 PUBLIC ACCESS and LIVE-STREAMED ON “TOWN OF ESOPUS” FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: call (845) 328-0483 to leave a voicemail or email outreach@esopus.com for assistance. The meeting was open to the public, with limited space to ensure social distancing; no public attended.

COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP AT 7:23. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UPDATES

- **Feedback from Ulster County and Local Planning Boards**

ESOPUS:

In order to consider the Esopus Planning Boards’ comments relating to Proposed Local Laws #10 & #11, they recommend to revise the mixed-use overlay to make it a static zone (*instead of a floating zone*) to simplify and streamline the options and incentives for incoming developers.

ULSTER COUNTY:

On the whole, the Ulster County Planning Boards’ commended the Town for fostering smart growth development and finds the design guides of these proposed laws to align well with the Ulster County Planning Board policy and their community design manual.

However, they did focus on the scope of the overlay in Proposed Local Law #10 - recommending that the overlay extend to encompass the entire Port Ewen Water & Sewer District, as well as recommending certain clarifications and standardization of terminology within the proposed law.

Regarding the Ulster County Planning Board's comments on Proposed Local Law #5, they recommended clarification around the definition of junkyard to take into consideration an exclusion of contractor/construction yards and farming properties to differentiate those from a junkyard.

The other aspect of their feedback recommends providing a timeframe to bring non-compliant sites into compliance.

- **Next Town Board meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 15. Public hearings will continue on proposed local laws #5-#13.
- **Winter Wonderland Parade** – Cancelled this year due to the ongoing pandemic, will resume in 2021.
- **2021 Town Organizational Meeting** – will be held on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021.
- **Work Share** – a majority of Town employees, including the Highway Department, have returned to Work Share through December 31st, 2020.
- **Open Positions** – 5 applications for the recently-posted custodian position are currently under review.
- **Sleightsburgh Spit** – **Due to complaints about deer poaching**, temporary signage has been posted at the Spit pending final design approvals from the Town board, DEC and County Sheriff's Office.
- **[Call for volunteers](#)** – open positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Board and Environmental Board. Please inquire to volunteer today!

Miscellaneous

Councilperson Kathie Quick said there was a Facebook group - Parents of Port Ewen asking for residents to go outside on Christmas Eve at 6 pm and ring a bell for 2 minutes; similar to the cheers at 7 pm in NYC for the essential workers. More information will be shared on the Esopus website.

Supervisor Harris said she would like to send cards to volunteers letting them know how much they are appreciated thanking them for their service. Certificates will be made and the Town Board will sign at the Dec 15th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:36 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC