

REGULAR MEETING of the **TOWN OF ROCKLAND** was held on **September 19th**, 2024 at 7:00 PM with the following members:

PRESENT:	SUPERVISOR	ROBERT EGGLETON
	COUNCILPERSON	ANDREW McRELL
	COUNCILPERSON	EDWIN EDWARDS
	COUNCILPERSON	PETE DEVANTIER
	COUNCILPERSON	CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE

OTHERS PRESENT: Marinella Di Vita, Town Clerk, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer & other members from the public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell to approve the minutes from the September 1st, 2024 board meeting

PUBLIC HEARING 7 PM – Request for waiver from Moratorium

Supervisor Eggleton begins public hearing with a small explanation of the project and why they are requesting the waiver from the Moratorium, to proceed with Planning and Zoning boards

John Furst from Catania, Mahon and Rider PLLC Attorneys at Law presented board members and the public with presentation of the Keiser Redevelopment Project that Livingston Legacy Holdings LLC. Other members of this project present were owner of Livingston Legacy Holdings LLC, Bon Yagi, project manager, Michael Tucker, and Engineer for the project, Zach Szabo. Seeking a waiver from the new Moratorium to be able to proceed to planning and zoning boards. During this presentation, it is explained out this project would benefit the environmental quality and have a lasting positive impact on the community. The structures are all pre-existing so nothing would need to be built but to be revitalized.

John And Lauren Aichinger, neighbors to the Keiser Redevelopment Project, explained the benefits of this project and described that they are currently working with NY Forward Grant to build some apartment buildings near the proposed project.

Vanessa McPhillips from the Sullivan County Partnership also explained some more benefits that Livingston Legacy Holdings LLC's project would provide to the community. She explained how the project is very in line with what the downtown has grown to be like, and it would only benefit the community.

A motion was then made by Mr. McRell and seconded by Mrs. Routledge to close the public hearing

RESOLUTION #130 Livingston Legacy LLC Waiver to Moratorium

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge and seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to allow the Livingston Legacy Holdings LLC to move forward with their mixed use tourist destination through the planning and zoning process which is currently outlined in our Moratorium

PUBLIC HEARING 7:10 PM – Use of Building Reserve Funds For Emergency Repairs

Supervisor Eggleton starts public hearing with discussion about some repairs that need to be done on some of the Town Properties. He explains how the Town of Rockland Highway Salt Shed repairs have been out for bid for quite some time and we have finally got a bid for \$73,460.00 and the Air conditioning at the Town Hall has been failing all summer long so the town has an estimate on mini split systems for the Town Hall (2 upstairs and 2 downstairs). These also supply heat to the building which will cut costs on heating oil as well. That estimate came in at about \$17,800.00. Supervisor Eggleton explained also how some repairs like basic maintenance needs to be done at the Golf Course. The Requested amount to be taken from the Building Reserve Funds would be up to \$100,000.00.

Public Comment – John Hendrix asked if these would replace current heating source

A motion was then made by Mr. DeVantier and seconded by Mr. Edwards to close the public hearing

RESOLUTION #131 Reserve Funds For Emergency Repairs

A motion was made by Mr. McRell and seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to use \$100,000 out of the Building Reserve fund for repairs to the Salt Shed, Town Hall & the Golf Course

CORRESPONDENCE

- Harassment Training for Town employees at the Town Hall Board Meeting Room on October 3rd at 9 AM; all departments are welcome to join.
- Livingston Manor Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary PocketBook Raffle

RESOLUTION # 132 Donate to LMFDLA GOLF for 2

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge and seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to donate to the Ladies Auxiliary from Livingston Manor Fire Department a round of golf for 2 with a cart

- Sullivan County Department of Health and Human Resources notify Sullivan County residents about the new hotline for national suicide prevention. The number 988 will instantly connect you to someone who can help and listen. For more information, visit <https://988lifeline.org>
- RCS Tax Collection mistake on bills ; Make checks payable to RCS Tax Collector * NOT LMCS Tax Collector *
- Sullivan County Historical Society flyer
- October 20th at 9:30 AM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new business Grizzly Bagels in Roscoe

OLD BUSINESS

- Zoning Review at 6:30 PM on October 10th at the Town Hall in Board Meeting Room
- Willowemoc streambank project is underway and the Riverside park and Dog Park is closed until further notice

NEW BUSINESS

- Crossing Guard alternate Dean DeWitt

RESOLUTION # 133 Dean DeWitt alternate crossing guard

A motion was made by Mr. DeVantier and seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to hire Dean DeWitt as an alternate crossing guard if the Town's main crossing guard is out at \$19.19 an hour

- Twin Village Four Person Scramble

RESOLUTION #134 Scramble at Golf Course

A motion was made by Mr. McRell and seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to set the date of October 19th (Rain date Oct 26) for a Four Person Scramble at the Twin Village Golf Course. Spots will fill quickly, and it first comes first serve. 10 am tee off time and following tournament there will be a 2-hour open bar and buffet at the Courtyard.

- Budget workshop October 15th at 6:30 PM at the Town hall in the board meeting room
- 51 Dubois

RESOLUTION #135 Credit Sewer at 51 Dubois

A motion was made by Mr. DeVantier and seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to credit the sewer bill for 51 Dubois in the amount of \$151.20

- Appoint new Deputy Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 136 Appoint Rosemary Hankins as Deputy Town Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards and Seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to appoint Rosemary Hankins as the Deputy Town Clerk

- Revised Moratorium Local Law #3

RESOLUTION #137 Public Hearing for Local Law #3

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge and seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to set the public hearing for the revised Moratorium Local Law #3 for the next board meeting on October 3rd at 7 PM at the Town Hall Board Meeting Room

DEPARTMENT HEADS :

Roger Decker – Highway Superintendent – A lot of paving being done more than half way done. Getting some bids for new trucks, could possibly take 2-3 years to be made. Thinking about leasing the new trucks may end up working out and being more cost effective.

Glenn Gabbard – Code Enforcement Officer – Report is before the board, currently working with some properties that are unsustainable to live in and have many public health hazards. May have to get the Health Officer at these properties to deem them unsafe and hazardous due to what is inside of them. Permits have been up and the department is busy as always.

Public comment – N/A

Executive session – motion made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. McRell to enter at 7:39 PM

Executive session – motion made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell to exit at 7:50 PM

Supervisor Eggleton read out loud the public notice form for the Local Law #3

A motion was then made by Mr. McRell and seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Marinella Di Vita
Town Clerk