

**Town Board Meeting**

**March 1, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Remote Meeting via [www.zoom.com](https://www.zoom.com) (id#: 837 4670 3486 password 316583)**

**Present:** Supervisor Aaron, Councilor Tucker, Councilor McCormack, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Attorney Smith

**Also, Present:** Sue Murphy, Kim Benda, Miranda Robinson, Allan Wellington, Paula Powell, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Chris Buff, Valerie Kehoe, Robert Herrmann, Dave Matthews (Upstate Freshwater Institute), Holland Greg, Marty Cregg and Dessa Bergan.

**Highway, Water, Transfer Station:** Highway Superintendent Allan Wellington reported in the Highway Department the plows had been out 15 times since the last meeting and 105 times for the season, compared to 120 times last season. Last week Highway crews were cutting back the snowbanks along the highways and this week they were checking for flooded roadways, and they continue to make equipment repairs. In the Water Department Brandon Mercardo began employment on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Water and Highway crews removed snow from fire hydrants, made repairs to plow trucks and a bulldozer. At the Transfer Station a truckload of baled cardboard was rescheduled for pickup last week. The price per ton had increased another \$5.00 per ton to \$80.00 per ton.

Supervisor Aaron stated Tom Potucek is a new hire at the Transfer Station and he is doing a great job checking all people's plate numbers entering the Transfer Station.

**Planning & Zoning:** Councilor Tucker reviewed the Planning and Zoning status of existing open projects. Hidden Estates – The public hearing had been closed and the Board was working toward a FEIS and decision on the preliminary Plat Plan. Chris Graham – Application pending for re-design of multi-family residences for the RR district. Meunier – The application for the 8 condo units in the “Block” building on Jordan Road, is pending with the Planning Board. ZBA approved the variances at their March 3, 2020 meeting. Victory Sports – The application is pending as the applicant is considering the potential for smaller scale development on the property. Altmeyer – ZBA will be re-reviewing the five criteria and approval of the variances. The Planning Board will complete the application after the ZBA has rendered their approval. Szemis- An amendment will be presented to the ZBA for approval, then the Planning Board will complete their review of the application. Other activities included working with developers to foster investment in the community and held three pre-application meetings.

Councilor Tucker also reviewed the February 2021 Open Projects report. Jude Burke – 2162 West Lake Road, Special Permit. John and Dessa Cico – 2873 West Lake Road, Site Plan. Elizabeth Ernyey – 4434 Jordan Road, Area Variance.

**Codes:** Councilor Tucker reviewed the February Codes Enforcement report. He stated there were 9 new permits issued at a total construction cost of \$515,973.70 with permit costs for a total of \$4,150.00. 7 certificates of completion issued and 15 violations. The violations were for swimming pools.

Codes Officer Herrmann stated there had not been a lot of building permits issued for February, but they were able to close a few. They were notified from the state that the 1203 report was received and filed. He reported he, Karen Barkdull and Ben Garrett had been credited for their training for 2021. They are good to go for another year. Violations went out for swimming pools that still are not closed. He stated they want to make sure applicants are compliant before they open their pools this coming year. Expired permits are at 24 at this time-5 of the original and 350 are still open.

**Parks:** Parks Manager Sue Murphy reported she, and Councilor Alexander were working with Chase Design for a new “Branding” for the Town’s Parks as well as a logo for all the Town Departments and signage. They have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday. After that meeting and review, she hopes to have a presentation for the Board. Chase Design had been great to work with on this project. She reported her and Councilor Alexander are working with Edmunds GovTech for training on the new Parks Department software. And, interviews are starting for summer employment, Playday councilors and lifeguards. Supervisor Aaron reported they had also met regarding the improvements at the Park.

**Staff Engineer:** Staff Engineer, Miranda Robinson reported on a call she participated in with National Grid. She reviewed the following:

“Due to the severe weather that is anticipated for our area, we would like to provide the following information. Should you experience a power outage, please contact National Grid: <https://www1.nationalgridus.com/outages> or 1-800-867-5222. National Grid recommends having a flashlight and extra batteries in case of a power outage.

It is also recommended to fill up a bathtub or buckets with water if you are on a well or often experience water loss issues.”

National Grid discussed local contacts for government officials if the need arises as well as who would be brought back online first. Critical facilities would be brought back online first should the power go out. If the power is out for more than 48 hours the emergency operation plan would begin to distribute bottled water and dry ice.

Engineer Robinson reported the Town of Skaneateles will be participating in the American Water Works Association benchmark survey for municipal water systems. She also updated the Board her attendance in a few courses from the New York County Association and an in-person training for “handling customer complaints” with AWWA. At this training they also discussed the new requirements regarding the Lead and Copper Rule. These changes and regulations will be enforced in 2023, and we have until then to get our records updated. The streetlights have been accounted for and the cameras are in route and being programed.

**Budget:** Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Keri Fey reported Budget Officer Winkelman was on vacation. They are wrapping up the audit with auditors this week. Supervisor Aaron stated she was in receipt of the December 2020 Monthly Fiscal Summary. She thanked Bookkeeper Fey for the report.

**Minutes of February 17, 2021:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor

Legg, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of February 17, 2021 were accepted as presented.

**Dave Matthews of Upstate Freshwater Institute – Skaneateles Winter Tributary Monitoring Program:** Supervisor Aaron introduced Dave Matthews from the Upstate Freshwater Institute. Upstate Freshwater Institute had monitored the lake and its tributaries since 2006 when the first Lake Monitoring Committee was established with Dr. Robert Werner. It was Dr. Werner who recommended Mr. Matthews and Upstate Freshwater Institute to the Town for monitoring the lake and tributaries. The first data collection from Upstate Freshwater Institute was completed in 2007 and since then they have reported on lake monitoring 6 times and 5 times for the Shotwell Brook tributary and this past winter, they completed monitoring of 4 tributaries, One Mile Creek, Shotwell Brook, Harold Brook and Snow Brook.

Dave Matthews of Upstate Freshwater Institute stated this year they completed monitoring of some Skaneateles Lake tributaries during winter and spring. He reviewed the history of Upstate Freshwater Institute. The program was established in 1981 and is a not-for-profit (501©(3)) company. They are an independent company but work closely with Syracuse University and SUNY ESF. They are overseen by a board of directors and conduct fundamental and applied interdisciplinary research on lakes, rivers, and tributaries in New York State. Their mission is to provide the scientific basis for protection of freshwater resources of New York State.

Mr. Matthews reviewed the monitoring objectives of this project. They were to establish prevailing water quality conditions of tributaries during winter and spring. Filling an existing data gap during a potentially important time of the year and to collect data to support development of a 9-element management plan, watershed, and lake models.

Mr. Matthews reviewed what the 9-Element Watershed Management Plan . It is a plan that documents a community's water quality concerns and develops a strategy to address these concerns. To identify and quantify sources of pollution in the watershed, identify the water quality target or goal and pollution reductions needed to achieve the goal. To identify the best management practices that will help to achieve reductions needed to meet the water quality target.

Mr. Matthews reviewed the locations where the samples were collected; Harold Brook, One Mile Creek, on the west side of the lake and Shotwell Brook and Snow Brook, on the east side of the lake. These tributaries are all located in the Town of Skaneateles. Samples were analyzed for phosphorus, nitrogen, carbon, and sediments. Field measurements were documented of temperature, oxygen, ph and turbidity. Mr. Matthews also reviewed the watershed around the lake Upstate Freshwater Institute had monitored since 2018 and the land uses in the watershed. Agriculture is 36%, Forest is 34%, developed land is 6% and the remainder of the watershed is the lake itself. The water shed is small relative to the size of the lake.

Mr. Matthews reviewed the timing of the sample collection. Samples were taken in January, February, March, May, and December. The target was to be able to collect samples from 6 runoff events. No data was collected mid-March to mid-May due to the COVID shutdown. He stated this winter testing is a nice compliment to the other programs to get data from the winter months.

Mr. Matthews reviewed some of the findings. Total phosphorus concentrations were lower during the winter-spring in Shotwell, Snow and One Mile. The range of total phosphorus concentrations in Shotwell and One Mile was very narrow during winter-spring. Total nitrogen concentrations were somewhat lower in all 4 tributaries. Total nitrogen concentrations were less variable during the winter-spring and the highest values were in Snow Brook, which was not unusual since it is in the agricultural part of the watershed. Total suspended solid concentrations were generally lower during the time period and variability in total suspended solids were lower especially in Shotwell and One Mile. This is good news; winter water quality appears to be good.

Mr. Matthews summarized his report stating, 4 Skaneateles Lake tributaries were monitored on 6 occasions during winter-spring 2020. Filled a data gap and will allow for more accurate estimates of nutrient and sediment contributions to Skaneateles Lake. Data collected will support water quality modeling of Skaneateles Lake and its watershed. In general, nutrient and sediment concentrations were lower in the winter-spring than measured in previous summer programs.

Supervisor Aaron asked about the data collected and the 9 Element Plan data collections. Mr. Matthews stated he would reach out to Kathy Beurtech at CNY Regional Planning and Development to compare notes. Supervisor Aaron stated the State has been slow on providing funding and additional data collection might be needed for the 9-Element Plan.

Supervisor Aaron thanked Dave Mathews of Upstate Freshwater Institute for his presentation.

**Eastern Gateway Update:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Eastern Gateway Committee was formed in 2016, Marty Cregg had been a member of this committee since 2016. Supervisor Aaron stated Councilor McCormack, Planning Secretary Karen Barkdull and Engineer Miranda Robinson were all working on this project with Marty Cregg. She stated Mr. Cregg is working with the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC), the NYS Department of Transportation, Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency (SOCPA) and the Village of Skaneateles on the planned Route 20 project. The Village had received funding from SMTC to conduct a study on concerns for pedestrian safety in the Village. He had been working with these entities to connect their projects to the Town for improvements to the eastern gateway. Mr. Cregg had been meeting with the SMTC, DOT and Village advocating for the Town. He reported there had been a delay in the project and that large infrastructure improvements such as these take time.

Supervisor Aaron introduced Mr. Cregg to give an update to the Board. Mr. Cregg stated he and Kevin McCormick had been coordinating the work on the Skaneateles Eastern Gateway project and had begun to work with the NY State and Onondaga County efforts to improve Route 20. Our hope is that given there are state projects to improve the highway, that the Town may achieve some of its goals identified as part of the original gateway committee work. The Route 20 roadway improvements are guided by the SMTC in coordination with NYS DOT. The roadway improvements are a part of the broader gateway vision, but important because these highway infrastructure improvements only happen every 10-15 years and are controlled by NYS DOT. If the Town wants the improvements to happen, now is the right time to ask.

Mr. Cregg reviewed the progress of the project. First, NYS is preparing to mill and repave Route 20 from Town line on the west to the intersection of Route 175 / Lee Mulroy Road to

the east, originally planned for the fall of 2021. The SMTC convened an effort to discuss the project and review the Town's vision and input on that section of roadway as a possible opportunity to influence the engineering design for the road. Second, the Village at the same time asked SMTC for an additional study be conducted regarding pedestrian safety in the Village, as the rebuilding of Route 20 might help them improve pedestrian safety in the Village.

Mr. Cregg stated there have been many meetings over the last few months Throughout all the meetings, SMTC has led the discussion and tried to guide the Town's part of the project. We have learned what might be possible to get NY State to do as part of the repaving project, and what improvements would have to be done by the Town (if the Town wants them done).

Mr. Cregg reported during the meetings, the DOT and SMTC have also made it clear that given the recent disruption of the state's budgets with COVID and other issues, planning is likely to change, but that we should persist in our requests to make sure that the key issues remain in focus. Recently the Town received correspondence indicating the repaving project will be delayed for a year (at least), however; that it will happen. The delay provides more time to search for funding opportunities and explore other desired improvements. We were encouraged to continue asking for the likely improvements, yet they may happen through other state programs as opposed to the repaving project. There are a few items that SMTC believes the Town would receive support for.

Mr. Cregg reviewed the areas of focus SMTC believes are possible. Reducing the speed limit east of the Village from the Village line to approximately Stahl's property east from 45 to 30 MPH. This was noted both by the Town and the Village as a safety concern given current traffic patterns. To help support the slowing of traffic, NYS DOT suggested resizing the lane and shoulder areas to calm traffic by narrowing the shoulder widths for auto use to 8' (which is about 4' narrower than current). Clearly define entry / egress points through the use of curbing only at the driveway entrances to separate the large areas of paving near the road from entry / exit points. Create pedestrian/biking lanes – creating walkable connections to the Village and points along route 20.

Mr. Cregg reviewed the most recent correspondence from the NYS DOT. Regarding the speed limit change – these are handled through a separate process. If this is something the Town wants to pursue, the Town should write a letter to the Regional Traffic Engineer about the request. Traffic and Safety will evaluate and respond. The Town should continue to indicate the improvements they would like considered as part of the DOT's paving project. The NYS DOT will evaluate specific improvements suggested for feasibility from safety and cost standpoint as the paving project progresses, but also keep feasible but too costly items in mind for future projects. The Town should search applicable grant programs such as TAP, Multi-Modal, Downtown Revitalization Initiative, Waterfront Revitalization, and NYSERDA. All requests should be in writing from the Town.

Mr. Cregg stated Engineer Robinson had been researching other avenues for funding some of this project. He is continuing to attend the meetings to be an advocate for the Town.

Councilor McCormack asked about the speed limit request. Had the Town already sent a letter? Supervisor Aaron stated she had reached out to Elizabeth Parmley, Regional Traffic Engineer and said they would incorporate this request in the previous request for a study of Route 20.

Supervisor Aaron asked if Karen Barkdull or Engineer Robinson had any comments. Ms. Barkdull stated when they have defined what they want to do then we could look at the zoning and what the Town would like to see in that area. The Planning Board has been proactive on the addition of sidewalks and plantings in this area, allowing for an easement for sidewalks along these properties. Engineer Robinson stated what is most important is having a defined scope. Once we have the scope then it is easier to apply for funding.

Councilor Legg thanked Mr. Cregg for his report. He stated in Central New York there are area bike lanes and walking lanes that are separated from the highway and reviewed some options. Mr. Cregg stated there are regulations on a State road that makes these options difficult. NYS DOT stated this is a mill and repave project and now you are trying to add other things to it, and the State does not have the budget, but he would give the State DOT his suggestions. Councilor Legg stated Engineer John Camp stated now is the time to come up with a Town wide sidewalk plan and he agreed. Karen Barkdull stated she had been researching creating a town wide sidewalk plan.

Mr. Cregg stated there will be a public hearing before the start of the project that will reveal the final plan.

Supervisor Aaron asked Councilor McCormack if the committee could draft a letter to the NYS DOT with the requests of the Town and the Board could approve the letter at the next meeting. Councilor McCormack stated yes, and Mr. Cregg stated he would have that letter ready.

Supervisor Aaron stated Mr. Cregg is also interested in a plan to encourage more biking in the Town and possibly installing bike racks for people to safely leave their bikes at various locations. We need to look at these opportunities for different forms of transportation and charging stations for electric vehicles.

Supervisor Aaron and the Board thanked Marty Cregg for his report and hard work.

**2021 Farmers Market Rules and Application:** Parks Director Sue Murphy reported that there were no changes to the content of the application except the dates changing to the current year. Ms. Murphy reported she is working on a program with the local restaurants and having meals to go. Supervisor Aaron stated this is a good idea. Councilor Alexander stated Ms. Murphy is working on guidelines for this new addition to the Market and asked if the Board had any questions. No questions were asked.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the 2021 Farmers Market Application was approved.

**Public Employer Health Emergency Plan:** Supervisor Aaron reviewed the New York State requirements of legislation (S8617B/A10832) signed into law by the Governor on September 7,

2020 to develop a public employee emergency health plan in preparedness for any future health emergency. Engineer Robinson prepared this plan for all departments. The plan was referred to all departments for their review and comments and it was referred to the Teamsters Union and they had no objection or comments.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the "Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Skaneateles".

**Seneca Meadows Landfill Resolution:** Supervisor Aaron read the following statement:

"I want to thank Mark Pitifer from Seneca Falls who brought this to my attention a few weeks ago. Mark has been active in his support of closing Seneca Meadows by 2025 and has reached out to seek our support as well.

On January 5, 2021, the Seneca Falls Town Board voted 3-2 to ask NYS DEC to deny Seneca Meadow's request to expand its landfill. The permit request was submitted to the DEC last summer and the Town Board only heard about it in January. The permit from DEC would not only allow the 50-acre expansion, but it would also allow Seneca Meadows to operate for an additional 15 years bringing in 6,000 tons of garbage a day and continuing to the year 2040. The proposed expansion is in direct violation of Town of Seneca Falls Local Law 3 of 2016 which prohibits solid waste facilities in Seneca Falls from operating beyond 2025. This law was challenged for three years by Seneca Meadows with the local law surviving that legal challenge.

Seneca Meadows donates over \$250,000 to numerous charitable organizations in the Seneca Falls community, and \$4.5 Million per year in host fees and taxes paid. It is also one of the largest employers in the region employing over 100 people. This has caused some fear among residents on what impact it will have on future employment and taxes.

This has also been an emotional issue for the Seneca Falls community for several years. Marches and rallies were held protesting the continuation of the landfill and board meetings were packed. Elections changed the dynamics of the Board. A local law was introduced in 2017 in an attempt to rescind Local Law 3 of 2016 but failed to pass. Supporters and opponents of the landfill continued to attend the meetings. Through all of this and challenges by Seneca Meadows, Local Law 3 of 2016 still stands.

Tonight, the resolution before the Town Board supports that local law. For years, our community and other Finger Lakes communities have had great environmental and safety concerns with the steady stream of garbage trucks exiting Interstate 81 coming from NYC and elsewhere to take short cuts through our small Finger Lakes communities with rotting and decaying garbage headed for the Seneca Meadows Landfill. Supporting this Local Law will support the reduction of these garbage trucks coming through our communities in the future."

Supervisor Aaron reviewed the following resolution:

TOWN OF SKANEATELES RESOLUTION  
In Support of Town of Seneca Falls Local Law #3

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls adopted Local Law #3 that statutorily forbids the expansion of the Seneca Meadows Inc (SMI) located in the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls originally adopted Local Law #3 on December 6, 2016 known as “The Town of Seneca Falls Waste Disposal Law”; and

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WHEREAS, the purpose of Local Law 3 of 2016 was to restrict the number, location, and expansion of solid waste management facilities within the Town of Seneca Falls to promote, clean wholesome and attractive environment for the community; and

WHEREAS Local Law #3 of 2016 was adopted to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Seneca Falls by minimizing the undesirable effects of solid waste management facilities including unaesthetic results, including odors, increased truck traffic, impacts on air and water quality and associated dust and noise; and

WHEREAS, Local Law #3 of 2016 was adopted with concern for deterioration in property values associated with adjacent or proximate solid waste disposal operation that may interfere with the orderly development of properties within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Local Law #3 of 2016 was adopted by the Town of Seneca Falls with concern that solid waste management facilities contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and their impact on the Town’s economic growth and its ability to preserve and improve upon environmental conditions within the Town, considering the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s position that that landfills are the least favored method of solid waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020 Seneca Meadows Inc filed an application for the expansion of a portion of the existing landfill property known as the “valley infill” area, a 50-acre track in the middle section of the current operation with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2021 the Seneca Falls Town Board voted 3-2 asking the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to deny Seneca Falls’ request for an extension; and

WHEREAS, the combination of trucks traveling through our small communities and allowing for a 50-acre expansion of Seneca Meadows Landfill operation and allowing the continuation of the landfill for an additional 15 years beyond 2025, would also allow 6,000 tons of garbage traveling by trucks a day to continue until 2040; and

WHEREAS, this extension and expansion would impact the quality of life in Skaneateles and the Finger lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles and the Towns and Villages in the Finger Lakes region are greatly impacted by garbage trucks traveling through our communities bringing garbage to Seneca Meadows from New York City and other areas outside of Central New York to include travel on more than 35 miles of state highways within the Skaneateles Lake watershed in close proximity to the lake; and



WHEREAS, Skaneateles Lake provides unfiltered drinking water to over 200,000 people in Skaneateles and surrounding communities including the City of Syracuse: therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles strongly supports the decision of the Seneca Falls Town Board to request that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation deny the application from Seneca Meadows landfill to expand and extend their operation for another 15 years; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles directs the Town Clerk to submit a copy to the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls and to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Supervisor Aaron stated a letter in favor of this resolution was received from Holland Gregg and the Citizens to Preserve the Character of Skaneateles. Councilor Legg read the letter. \* letter attached.

Holland Gregg stated he is in support of the Local Law # 3, forbidding the expansion of Seneca Meadows Inc (SMI) located in the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, NY. He stated he is hoping other Towns in the finger lakes will step up and support this. He thanked the Board.

Supervisor Aaron stated this resolution will be sent out to the surrounding Finger Lakes communities.

Councilor Tucker stated down the road we will need to plan for disposal of our local garbage, and he supports this resolution. Councilor McCormack stated he whole heartily supports this resolution; he is tired of downstate New York bringing their garbage to upstate and the Finger Lakes.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the "Town of Skaneateles Resolution in Support of Seneca Falls Local Law #3".

**Request for Proposals - Ash Tree Removal at the Town of Skaneateles Conservation Area and Purchase Tree Saplings through New York State DEC:** Councilor Alexander reported the Conservation Committee had met and they are working on a long-term plan for the Conservation Areas. But they identified areas they could do right away. The first concern are the infected ash trees. There are several trees in danger in the Conservation Area and they would like to have the infected trees dropped where they are. They have identified at least 50 trees at the entry way of the Conservation Area. They are also looking at purchasing saplings to replace these trees and have a planting day. Randy Nonemacher, Chair of the Conservation Committee had put together a proposal. Randy has been the silent leader of the Committee and had done a great job. There is money in the 2021 budget for this project.

Councilor Alexander stated there are a few trees at the Charlie Major Nature Trail that they would like to combine with this project to get them removed at the same time.

Supervisor Aaron asked if the saplings are being purchased from the NYS DEC farm in Saratoga. Councilor Alexander stated some of them are and some are being purchased other places to get a variety of trees.

Councilor Alexander said she does not have a cost at this time since the trees are only going to be dropped and not removed. The committee would like them dropped to keep the nature feel of the area.

Supervisor Aaron stated according to the Town's Procurement Policy they would need to get three quotes from vendors.

On a motion of Supervisor Aaron, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved to Request for Proposals from at least three vendors to cut down or fall trees at the town of Skaneateles Conservation Area and remove trees at the Charlie Major Nature Trail for safety reasons and to purchase saplings to replace these trees.

Councilor Tucker asked if any of the planting could be done by the Scouts. Councilor Alexander stated they were planning on this project being a community planting day and Rotary is also interested in doing some projects at the Conservation Area.

Supervisor Aaron stated as the committee continues to be active there may be projects for the Scouts. Councilor Alexander agreed. A college student, Matthew Leveroni is currently working on an updated trail map with colored markers.

#### **Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**

- *Shredding events scheduled at the Transfer Station – April 17<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>* : Supervisor Aaron reported two paper shredding days have been scheduled for the Transfer Station, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and September 18<sup>th</sup> .
- *Letter from Skyler Cruz Wolsey regarding traffic intersections*: Supervisor Aaron stated a letter was received from Skyler Cruz Wolsey regarding traffic intersections. The intersections he referred to are in the Village. Supervisor Aaron stated this letter would be referred to the Village.
- *NYS DOT Letter regarding Speed Limit extension on Route 20 West to Hillside Drive*: Supervisor Aaron announced a copy of a letter sent to Carol DiSalvo from the NYS DOT regarding her request to lower the speed limit on Route 20 from the Village line to Hillside Drive. The letter stated their investigation determined extending the 30 MPH speed limit would not be appropriate at this time.
- *NYS DOT Letter regarding Safety Concerns at US Route 20 and County Line Road*: Supervisor Aaron announced a letter was received from the NYS DOT with a response to the Town's request to the safety concerns at the intersection of Route 20 and County Line Road. Their investigation determined several minor sign enhancements to improve awareness of the intersection are appropriate at this time.
- *Petition to Lower Speed Limit – County Line Road from Route 20 to Old Seneca Turnpike*: Supervisor Aaron announced a petition was received from residents on County Line Road for changes in the speed limit, weight limits, painted lines on the road, no passing signs and to expand the width of the road. This petition would be submitted to Elizabeth Parmley at the NYS DOT for their consideration.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the submission of a TE-9 form to the NYS DOT requesting a traffic study be conducted on County Line Road from Route 20 to Old Seneca Turnpike in the Town of Skaneateles.

▪ *Comp Alliance Safe Workplace Award:* Supervisor Aaron announced the Town received a letter from their workers comp insurance carrier, Comp Alliance stating the Town had qualified for a Workplace Safety Award with a monetary award of \$6,415.

**Public Comment:** Chris Buff commented on the traffic study on County Line Road, she stated the design of the intersection at Old Seneca and Franklin Street is where the problem is. Supervisor Aaron stated she has talked to NYS DOT several times regarding this intersection and she agreed it is a terrible intersection and there is yet to be a solution due to the fact it is private property that is affecting the design of the intersection.

Dessa Bergan commented to the Board on Proposed Local Law 2021 B the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Local Law. She stated her concerns regarding this not being identified in the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Aaron stated there will be a public hearing scheduled after the comments and recommendations are received from the Planning, Zoning Boards and Onondaga County. Ms. Bergan asked why this is being considered. Supervisor Aaron stated there are situations in every Town that come up and spot zoning is not allowed but you do not know what economic opportunities that could come along. Ms. Bergan asked if there are currently any projects that are being considered for this. Supervisor Aaron stated they would like to be proactive and not reactive, if there were projects that would benefit the community in the future. Ms. Bergan said it seems open ended and sounds like it would supersede our zoning and she did not agree with this.

Attorney Smith stated it would supersede zoning but only with Town Board approval. A PUD Law provides structure to these types of requests. He reviewed the criteria that must be met in order for the Board to consider any applicant. The idea of this law would allow the possibility for economic growth and affordable housing especially for seniors.

Ms. Bergan agreed affordable housing is an important issue, but she stated this could open a can of worms not favorable to the Town.

Holland Gregg also stated his concerns about this proposed Local Law, the Planned Unit Development and the Town Board making the decision. Attorney Smith stated it would also go to the Planning Board not only the Town Board. Mr. Gregg stated he had concerns about the north side of Town. Supervisor Aaron stated the Board is very conscience of this being drafted correctly before even considering going forward with this proposed Local Law.

**Budget Amendments:** No Budget Amendments.

**Abstract #21-02:** On a motion of Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #21-018 - #21-0224 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$162,038.85	Highway:	\$ 15,448.37
Water:	\$ 184.59	Part Town:	\$ 964.99
Highway PT:	\$ 265.24	Sewer:	\$ 37.10
T&A:	\$ 520.00		

**TOTAL: \$179,422.04**

**Executive Session:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. for Attorney Advice and property negotiations.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Alexander the meeting was returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk

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WHEREAS, this extension and expansion would impact the quality of life in Skaneateles and the Finger lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles and the Towns and Villages in the Finger Lakes region are greatly impacted by garbage trucks traveling through our communities bringing garbage to Seneca Meadows from New York City and other areas outside of Central New York to include travel on more than 35 miles of state highways within the Skaneateles Lake watershed in close proximity to the lake; and

WHEREAS, Skaneateles Lake provides unfiltered drinking water to over 200,000 people in Skaneateles and surrounding communities including the City of Syracuse: therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles strongly supports the decision of the Seneca Falls Town Board to request that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation deny the application from Seneca Meadows landfill to expand and extend their operation for another 15 years; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles directs the Town Clerk to submit a copy to the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls and to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

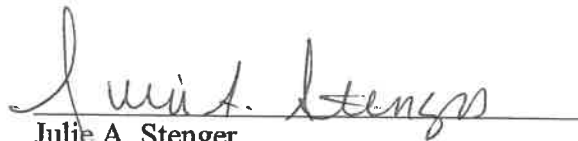
#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Skaneateles, New York on March 1, 2021, the foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Legg and seconded by Councilor Alexander, a quorum of four members of the five-member Board being present, and each voted on the Resolution as follows:

Supervisor Janet Aaron  
Councilor Mark Tucker  
Councilor Kevin McCormack  
Councilor Courtney Alexander  
Councilor Chris Legg

The Resolution was, therefore, duly adopted.

Dated: March 1, 2021

  
Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk  
Town of Skaneateles



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### Memorandum

To: Supervisor Aaron and the Town Board of Skaneateles  
From: Holland Gregg, CPCS  
Subject: In Support of Town of Seneca Falls Local Law#3  
Date: March 1, 2021

Dear Janet and Members of the Board,

CPCS wholeheartedly endorses the Town Board's proposed resolution in support of the Town of Seneca Falls Local Law #3.

As you well know, the problems caused by long haul trash truck traffic traveling between New York City and Seneca Falls have plagued dozens of communities in the Finger Lakes for decades. The costs have been steep, including damaged secondary roads as these sizeable trash trucks continue to forsake the interstates to take shortcuts back and forth between Seneca Falls and metropolitan NYC.

Skaneateles and other Finger Lakes villages and towns rely heavily on tourism to maintain healthy economies. The preponderance of constant trash truck traffic barreling through our town and village on routes 20, 41 and 41A has generated continuous noise and increased air pollution, while threatening catastrophic accidents along Skaneateles lake, which is the drinking water source for more than 200,000 residents in Syracuse and surrounding areas.

Over the past 30 years, CPCS has petitioned the state to more strictly regulate this particular niche of truck traffic, which accounts for more than 250 trash trucks passing through the Village on any given day. For various reasons, the state has failed to take any formal enforcement action.

One of the best ways to eliminate the problem caused by these long haul trash trucks is to shut down their destination located in the heart of the Finger Lakes--the colossal solid waste management facilities in Seneca Falls.

Seneca Meadows' contract is due to expire in 2025, but in July, 2020 they applied to the New York State Department of Conservation for a 50-acre expansion and a continuation of operations until 2040.

CPCS applauds the town's proposed resolution, which supports the decision by the Seneca Falls Town board to request that the NYC DEC reject the application from the Seneca Meadows Landfill to expand and extend their operations until 2040.

Shutting down the Seneca Meadows solid waste management facilities will be beneficial not only for the town of Seneca Falls, but also for Skaneateles and dozens of other impacted communities throughout the Finger Lakes region. If the state will not compel Seneca Meadows to control the actions of its contracted trash truck drivers, then this is one of the best solutions to remove them from the back roads of the Finger Lakes.