

**Town Board Meeting**

**July 19, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Town Hall, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152**  
**Remote via www.zoom.com (id#: 87808099084 password 503667)**

**Present:** Supervisor Aaron, Councilor McCormack, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Attorney Weber .

**Absent:** Councilor Tucker

**Also, Present via Zoom:** Sue Murphy, Allan Wellington, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press).

**Present in person:** Bridget Winkelman, Paula Powell, Karen Barkdull, Keri Fey.

**Highway, Water, Transfer Station:** Highway Superintendent Allan Wellington reported in the Highway Department they had finished installing drainage pipe and grass seed along County Line Road, continued to mow roadsides, made equipment repairs, picked up fallen limbs due to high winds and received road work and equipment estimates for budget. In the Water Department they completed flushing for District #2 and replaced a curb box along Jordan Road. At the Transfer Station they graded materials that have been dropped off at the hard fill area.

**Parks:** Parks Manager Sue Murphy reported Playday is going well. The waterfront will be open for 5 days this week. They had installed new benches at Austin Park and the Charlie Major Nature Trail. The picnic shelter had been rented every weekend and the Parks were very busy. The text notification program is working well. The boat launch had been quiet for the past few days with the rainy weather. And, she had been working on the Parks 2022 budget.

Councilor Legg asked if she had any more information from the Onondaga County Health Department regarding the e coli levels at the swim area. Ms. Murphy stated they were in contact with the Matt Alexander of the Onondaga County Health Department, and the high levels of bacteria were back to a normal range quickly and they would have been more concerned if there had been an algal bloom. The water has tested normal, and the swimming has reopened.

**Minutes of July 8, 2021:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of July 8, 2021, were accepted as presented.

**September Town Board Meeting Schedule:** Supervisor Aaron stated the first Town Board meeting scheduled in September falls on the Labor Day holiday. She would like to reschedule the meeting for September 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized rescheduling the September 6, 2021 Town Board meeting to September 2, 2021 at 6:30pm.

**Conservation Area Trail Names:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board had reviewed the proposed map and the proposed names for the Conservation Trail Systems as submitted by the

Conservation Committee. The Board would need to approve the trail names in order for Chase Design to finish the mapping and signage project for the Conservation Area.

Councilor Alexander reviewed the final version of the trail map and the trail names. Several of the trail names did not change and some of the newer trails had never been named. Matt Leveroni and Randy Nonemacher, Chair of the Conservation Committee had done a great job putting this all together. Councilor Alexander thanked them and the Committee.

Supervisor Aaron read the following resolution:

**OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

**ADOPTING AREA NAMES AND TRAIL NAMES  
FOR THE SKANEATELES CONSERVATION AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles (the “Board” and the “Town” respectively) has retained the services of Chase Design to prepare updated maps of the Skaneateles Conservation Area (the “Conservation Area”); and

**WHEREAS**, Chase Design has submitted draft versions of the new maps for final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the updated maps are satisfactory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of SEQRA and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board classifies this as a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA because it involves routine Town administration and management and/or the replacement, rehabilitation, and reconstruction, on the same site, of an existing facility pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5 (c)(2). Where an action is classified as Type II, no further review under SEQRA is required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Conservation Area trail system will consist of four (4) areas that shall be known as the Guppy Farm Trails, the O’Loughlin Trails, the Beaver Trails, and the Federal Farm Trails. A depiction of these four areas is made on the map attached hereto as “**Exhibit A**”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board adopts the trail names as described in the attached Exhibit A.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved above resolution adopting the trail names as described in Exhibit A.

\*Exhibit A attached

**Resignation Joe Calipari – Board of Assessment Review:** Supervisor Aaron announced they were in receipt of a letter of resignation from Board of Assessment member Joseph Calipari. Supervisor Aaron stated Mr. Calipari had been a member the Board of Assessment Review for many years and he would be missed. She and the Board thanked Mr. Calipari for his years of service to the Town as a member of the Board of Assessment Review.

On a motion of Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board accepted the resignation of Joseph Calipari from the Town of Skaneateles Board of Assessment Review and authorized the Town Clerk to post and advertise for the position.

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

- *Water District Request – Old Seneca Turnpike:* Supervisor Aaron announced a request for water had been received from a property owner on Old Seneca Turnpike that currently does not have public water from Robert and Jenel Fortino. The requested had been referred to Town Engineer Robinson for her review.
- *Talcott Water Update:* Supervisor Aaron stated the Town is still waiting for the Village approvals. The Village Engineer stated they were waiting for more information to be provided by the Town Engineer. Town Engineer John Camp stated he had provided the Village Engineer with what they had requested. The two engineers are working to complete this and when the Village Board votes on the extension it will come back to the Town Board.
- *Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan:* Supervisor Aaron announced the Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Agency is working with Farmers, Local Governments, and the Public on a vision for the next generation of agriculture in Onondaga County. This information would be available at then Town Hall and on the Town of Skaneateles Website.
- *Draft I-81 Design Reports and DEIS Documents:* Supervisor Aaron announced the New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration had published the Draft Environments Impact Statement (DEIS) for the I-81 Viaduct Project. This is a document that discloses the social, economic, and environmental effects of the I-81 project alternatives. The NYSDOT and the FHWA will both hold virtual and in-person hearings on the project Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, and 5:00pm via Zoom. And, Wednesday August 18, 2021 4:00pm and 6:00 pm at the Oncenter. Individuals may submit comments on the DEIS until 5:00pm, September 14, 2021.

The DEIS is available at the Skaneateles Town Hall and we would post the link to the documents on the Town of Skaneateles Website.

Supervisor Aaron and the Board discussed the I-81 project and the effect the project would have on traffic, especially truck traffic, in the Town of Skaneateles and in the Finger Lakes Region with the Community Grid option. She discussed the impact on traffic along Routes 41 and 41a, and what incentives the State could offer to keep the trucks on the Thruway or Route 481 and not cut through the Finger Lakes to travel to Western New York.

**Public Comment:** No one commented.

**Budget Amendments:** No Budget Amendments

**Abstract #21-12:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #21-0819 - #21-0894 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 62,852.15	Highway:	\$ 6,922.46
Water:	\$ 13,433.65	Part Town:	\$ 3,317.08
Highway PT:	\$118,602.09	T&A:	\$ 1,423.49
Sewer:	\$ 1,336.85		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$207,887.77</b>		

**Executive Session:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for attorney advice and potential litigation.

On a motion of Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Alexander the meeting was returned to open session at 7:35 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk