

**Town Board Meeting**

**June 5, 2023**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Zoom:** Meeting Id: 860 5687 7138 Passcode: 406061

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

**Also, Present (via Zoom):** Bob Herrmann, Brian Buff, Karen Barkdull, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Sue Murphy, Miranda Robinson, Paula Powell, Willard Mahood, Dick Eldredge.

**Also, Present (In Person):** Tim Dobrovosky, Holland Gregg, Steve White, Dessa Bergan.

**Highway & Water:** Highway Superintendent Tim Dobrovosky submitted his report to the Board for their review. He reported the Highway Department had done ditching on various roads, milled and paved Highland Ave with the support of Elbridge and Sennett. Tree clean up, fixed signs, worked on the water and highway building to begin work on floor replacement, replaced broken catch basin on Ceil Arthur, roadside mowing, Jake Fey, and Frank Lessongang attended water school, helped with a water service installation and the new skid steer was delivered.

**Transfer Station:** Municipal Recycling Liaison Brian Buff reported they had sent out 8 loads of trash, 8 loads of construction and demolition material, and 4 containers of recycling. He reported they had found a place where Town of Skaneateles residents can dispose of hazardous waste. The company's name is Empire Recycling out of Solvay, NY. There is a charge, but they will take waste from Skaneateles residents, this information will be posted on the Town website.

Brian also asked the Board to consider his request to purchase a loader bucket for the loader at the Transfer Station. He had received three quotes:

Star Tractor Ltd.	\$ 5,700.00
Komatsu	\$ 6,000.00
Five Star Equipment	\$14,162.50

Brian Buff recommended the Board authorize the purchase of the loader bucket from Star Tractor out of Texas. This price included shipping and the bucket is the same make and model as what is being replaced. This is in the 2023 budget.

The Board agreed this was the best option.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the purchase of a loader bucket from Star Tractor, LTD not to exceed \$5,700.

**Planning and Zoning:** Planning and Zoning Clerk Karen Barkdull reported there were 5 open projects at this time. Ms. Barkdull reviewed the status of existing projects still open; Community Solar Array TJA Solar, Lakelawn – proposed brick and stone masonry wall to replace wood fence along West Lake Road, this project is on hold. Victory Sports – The application is pending as the applicant is considering the potential for smaller scale development on the property, and Haba Toys- Expansion application is on hold as they re-evaluate the entire property. Other activities included 3 pre-application meetings, 2 Shoreline Committee meetings, completed 4 Codes Enforcement Officer training hours, 2 Hamlet Committee meeting and safety training.

**Codes:** Codes Officer Robert Herrmann stated at this time there were 47 permits that were expired. And, permitting is still moving along this month. The permit for the Cohlan residents had finally been closed.

\*Codes Office May 2023 report attached.

**Parks:** Parks Director Sue Murphy reported she is gearing up for the summer and they are still looking for counselors and lifeguards for the 2023 season. The baseball fields are open for Lakeshore Baseball but play time had been cut back with the rain. At the end of the month, they are having a star watch event with the Syracuse Astronomy Club. The Farmers Market starts at the end of the month, and they are waiting for more information on the Green Market. She thanked the Town staff for the help they had provided during their busy season and wanted to thank them in advance for the upcoming summer.

**Water:** Councilor Legg reported he had received the Water System Operation Report from Forman Shane Christman and all the testing for the Town water was all negative, within normal range.

**Engineer:** Town Engineer Miranda Robinson reported she had been working on the establishment of the Andrews Road Water District and the PRV replacement project. She also stated she and Water Forman Shane Christman would be attending water school on Wednesday.

**Budget:** Budget Officer Keri Fey reported she was working with the auditors to finish the 2022 AUD. The auditors would be back in the Town Hall on Wednesday to complete the 2022 audit.

Supervisor Aaron asked about the funds that were still in the Town's Recreation Reserve Funds. Budget Officer Fey stated she had researched the funds and reported they could be closed and moved into the General Parks Reserve Fund.

Attorney Smith stated these funds could be closed and the funds could be moved due to the change in operation in the Parks Departments. The Austin Pavilion used to house an ice-skating rink. This rink is gone therefore there is no need for the Reserve Funds to be set up for the ice rink.

The Board agreed to transfer the funds in the Recreation Reserve Funds to the General Parks Reserve Fund.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the transfer of funds currently in the Recreation Reserve Funds to the General Parks Reserve Fund.

Supervisor Aaron also discussed the transfer of funds to the Town's NY Class account. She asked Budget Officer Fey to have the information on the fund transfers to NY Class by the next Town Board meeting so the Board could authorize the transfer. The Board agreed.

**Fire Department:** Councilor Dove reviewed the May 2023 Skaneateles Fire Department report.  
\*Report Attached

**Minutes of May 15, 2023, and May 18, 2023:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of May 15, 2023, were accepted as presented.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Councilor Tucker abstained due to absence, the minutes of May 18, 2023, were accepted as presented.

**Budget Amendments:** No Budget Amendments

**Abstract #23-10:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #23-0607 - #23-0679 were authorized from the following funds:

General:	\$103,332.04	Highway:	\$ 3522.50
Street Lgt:	\$ 405.37	Part Town:	\$ 64.20
Water:	\$ 16,873.42	Hwy Part Twn:	\$ 98,151.06
T&A	\$ 219.19	Sewer:	\$ 825.03
Total:	\$223,392.81		

**RFQ - Town of Skaneateles Water System Improvements - NYS EFC Project No. 19100:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Town had prepared and advertised for a Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the Town of Skaneateles Water system Improvement – NYS EFC Project #19100. This was a condition of the grant the Town had been awarded for the water project.

The Town sent out 15 requests for proposal packets to engineering firms. One proposal was received today June 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. from C&S Engineering. Attorney Smith stated only receiving one proposal still met the requirement.

Supervisor Aaron stated the next part of the process is for the committee the Board had approved at the last meeting to meet and review the proposal. The committee consisted of Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Councilor Tucker, Engineer Miranda Robinson, and Town Attorney Smith.

The Town Board agreed.

**Tim Johnson, Anchor QEA Contract:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Board was in receipt of a contract with Tim Johnson. The agreement was for Construction Oversight for Owners Representative-Austin Park Renovation Phase I. The cost would not exceed \$8,994.00.

Councilor Alexander stated this would be for a small portion of the owner representative oversight for the project. The Board had discussed working with Town Codes Officer Bob Herrmann and Town Engineer John Camp for oversight as well.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board approved the contract with Tim Johnson and Anchor QEA as presented, not to exceed \$8,994. This contract would be for professional services therefore it would not need to follow the Town's Procurement Policy.

**“Introductory Local Law D of 2023 Proposed Local Law Amendment Related to Solar Energy”:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board opened the public hearing for Local Law D of 2023 at the May 15, 2023 Town Board meeting. The Board had agreed to keep the public hearing open.

Supervisor Aaron stated one letter had been received since May 15<sup>th</sup>, when the public hearing was opened. The letter was from The Mahoods, and it was distributed to the Board.

Attorney Smith summarized the proposed changes to Local Law D of 2023 “Introductory Local Law D of 2023 Proposed Local Law Amendment Related to Solar Energy” .

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the continuation of the Public Hearing on Local Law D of 2023.

Supervisor Aaron asked if anyone would like to speak.

**Dessa Bergan:** Ms. Bergan asked if the Board would consider not allowing these farms to be constructed anywhere in the watershed. Supervisor Aaron stated they did change the distance to 1,500 feet from the lake. Councilor Alexander stated it is hard to say the watershed, if it is not in the Skaneateles Lake watershed it would be in another watershed, such as the Owasco Lake watershed.

Attorney Smith stated they did add, to the maximum extent feasible any visual impacts need to be minimized, from the lake or any public road. There is a presumption that there would be visual impacts and there are some hidden areas within the watershed that would work for a solar farm.

Ms. Bergan stated she appreciated the work the Board had done on the local Law.

**Bill Mahood:** Mr. Mahood stated the letter he had submitted stated he and his wife could not find any data regarding the leakage of material from solar panels. He recommended Solar Farms be placed in landfills or Brownfields, such as the old Stauffer site. He reviewed the rest of his letter and thanked the Board for their time.

Supervisor Aaron stated the Stauffer site is privately owned and it is not in the Town's control if they put a solar farm on the site.

**Steve White:** Steve White spoke about his concerns over the 1,500 feet from the lake. He did not think this was a long enough distance. Construction 1,500 feet from the lake is too close. He also spoke of his concerns over the remediation of these farms in the future. Mr. White asked if the Board would consider creating a map where solar could be allowed in the Town. Supervisor Aaron stated this law was only for larger solar farms, homeowners could have solar panels for their property and so could farms.

Councilor Alexander stated large farms over 20 megawatts, the State had control over, if the Town had zoning in place for the smaller large-scale projects it would protect the Town. The electric grid can only manage so much power, so the scale of these farms would be limited.

**Dessa Bergan:** Ms. Bergan asked about the panels from China, if it is a good idea to use panels from a government that does not look favorably on the United States.

Supervisor Aaron stated the Board could not regulate where the material came from.

Attorney Smith stated determining where these farms could go by parcels would not be a good idea. This could be considered "spot zoning" which is illegal. The Special Permit description shows the areas in the Town that these farms would be allowed with a Special Permit.

Steve White stated, sooner or later we will have to look at these panels, he just hoped the Town's zoning code is protective enough of the lake.

**Dick Eldredge:** Dick Eldredge asked if this discussion was regarding the zoning code or specific solar projects. Supervisor Aaron answered that this discussion was regarding the zoning code.

**Holly Gregg:** Holly Gregg thanked the Board for their work on the updated zoning. He stated he wanted to echo Steve White's and Dess Bergan's concerns regarding the watershed. We have to decide what a 5 megawatt or more represents. Should it be considered an industrial use and should only be considered in industrial zoning areas. We don't know what we don't know. Solar panels are becoming more efficient and will accelerate, what if in 10 years from now the footprint for a 5 megawatt farm could create a larger quantity of electricity and it would require larger electric lines and cabling in the watershed, has the Town considered this.

Councilor Alexander stated after 20 megawatts it is out of the Town's jurisdiction and the State can do what they want, we have no control over it.

Attorney Smith stated the committee really considered the visual impact of these farms and took that into consideration. Would it be industrial? There is no truck traffic or smokestacks. If this changes the Board would have to react to these changes in the future. The interconnection agreement with National Grid tells the owner what they can and can't do. The access to infrastructure is the main bottleneck of the larger projects.

Planning Secretary Barkdull stated the Special Permit is based on the size of project not the amount of output.

Councilor Legg stated the solar farm at the Transfer Station was originally planned to be larger but National Grid's transmission limitation made the farm smaller.

Councilor Dove stated this is something we will need to keep looking at as technology changes.

Dessa Bergan stated if the State wanted this to happen, the State should look for places that are appropriate. The State should take the initiative.

Councilor Dove said neighbors of areas the State chooses might not be happy with that either.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board closed the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law D of 2023.

Supervisor Aaron stated the committee, Planning Board and Town Board worked very hard on this solar law. While it may not provide what everybody wants it gives the Planning Board the ability to make sure solar projects are done correctly and in the right locations.

Attorney Smith reviewed the next steps if the Board would like to approve this Local Law. In the introductory resolution the Board declared the Town Board as the lead agency and declared this a type 1 action. Lead agency letters and referrals were sent out to the County Planning Board. Even though this is a type 1 action there is no actual project that would impact the land therefore Part I of SEQRA is abbreviated. For this reason, the Board would not need to go through the 18 questions on Part II of the EAF. The Board agreed.

Attorney Smith stated that if the Board wished to vote the final resolution had been prepared which included the negative declaration for SEQRA, the amendments to the law and ends the moratorium.

Councilor Legg commented that it may seem to the public that the Board had just looked at this law but in fact the Town Board, Planning and Zoning Boards and the committee had worked on this amendment for months. We tried to address each item that people had brought to the Board, and this is a strong law as it is written.

Supervisor Aaron agreed. She stated this Town Board listens and made changes along the way with the public's concerns in mind. We worked hard to protect our community and the lake. This

is another step to be prepared for new waves of the future. She stated, she is support of this local law as presented. The Board agreed and approved the following resolution:

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

**Proposed Zoning Law Amendment Related to Solar Energy Systems**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Legg has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 4 of 2023 entitled “A Local Law Amending the Requirements for Offsite/Community and Utility Solar Uses in the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Article 5 of the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Law (the “Zoning Law”) to address land use requirements for the construction or erection and location of Offsite/Community and Utility Solar uses (as defined in the Zoning Law) in the Town of Skaneateles (the “Town”); and

**WHEREAS**, when reviewing a proposal for a Offsite/Community or Utility Solar use, the Town of Skaneateles Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) and/or the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Board of Appeals (the “ZBA”) should take into account the surrounding land uses to determine the suitability of the proposed use in a given location; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the potential impact that Offsite/Community and Utility Solar uses may have on the community character of surrounding lands and the scenic, natural and historic character of the Town, the Planning Board and ZBA should give particular consideration to these impacts before approving such uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, with respect to these proposed amendments to the Zoning Law, and pursuant to those laws, referred part 1 of the EAF to County Planning and sent lead agency letters in order to comply with the rules governing coordinated review; and

**WHEREAS**, Onondaga County Planning, the Zoning Board and the Planning Board did not recommend substantive changes to the Proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to comply with the requirements of the New York State Town Law and held a public hearing to allow the public to comment on the Proposed Local Law on May 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town currently has a moratorium in place that will not longer be necessary once the new regulations are implemented.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby confirms and adopts the following conclusions as SEQRA lead agency:

1. The Town Board hereby confirms its preliminary classification of the Proposed Local Law as a Type I Action under SEQRA (the “Action”);
2. The following impacts are expected to result from the Action, when compared against the criteria in Section 617.7 (c) of the Regulations:
  - a. There will not be a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.

Although the Proposed Local Law concerns development that could potentially occur within the Skaneateles Lake watershed, this Action will not result in an adverse impact to the surface water quality or quantity of Skaneateles Lake. At worst, no change to surface water quality or quantity will occur as a result of the Action. However, surface water quality may improve as a result of the Action because it prohibits development of large solar energy systems adjacent to the lake.

- b. There will not be large quantities of vegetation or fauna removed or destroyed as the result of the Action; there will not be substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species as the result of the Action; there will not be a significant impact upon habitat areas; there are no substantial adverse impacts on any known threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; nor are there any other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.
  - c. There are no known Critical Environmental Area(s) on the site which will be impaired as the result of the proposed Action.
  - d. The Action will not result in the creation of a material conflict with the Town’s current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted. To the contrary, the Proposed Local Law is meant to further these goals.
  - e. The Action will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character.

The Proposed Local Law is intended to preserve community character and aesthetic resources by requiring a more careful review of proposed solar development projects.

- f. There will not be an increase in the use of either the quantity or type of energy



resulting from the Action.

- g. There will not be any hazard created to human health.
  - h. There will not be an irreversible change in the use of active agricultural lands that receive an agricultural use tax exemption or that will ultimately result in the loss of ten acres of such productive farmland.
  - i. The Action will not encourage or attract large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the Action.
  - j. There will not be created a material demand for other Actions that would result in one of the above consequences.
  - k. There will not be changes in two or more of the elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact.
  - l. There are not two or more related Actions which would have a significant impact on the environment.
3. Based upon the information and analysis above, the Action **WILL NOT** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts;
  4. The information available concerning the Action was sufficient for the Town Board to make its determination;
  5. The Town hereby approves and adopts the attached Full Environmental Assessment Form for the Action (Parts 1, 2, and 3);
  6. A Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed Action is hereby issued;
  7. The preparation of an environmental impact statement for the Action shall not be required;
  8. The Town Supervisor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 and issue the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Town Board's determination;
  9. This Determination of Non-Significance has been prepared in accordance with SEQRA and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file, publish and distribute a notice of this Negative Declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.12(a)(1);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it shall be designated Local Law No. 4 of 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the Proposed Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27 and to make any publications required by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Proposed Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to this resolution, the moratorium currently in place will automatically terminate immediately up filing of the local law.

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

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Water and Septic Emergency Contract:** Supervisor Aaron stated the current contract with Brillo Excavation for emergency water and septic services had expired. The current charges were specified in the contract. The new contract proposes a 5% increase in the prices as specified in the contract. Town Engineer Robinson agreed. She stated the original contract was to provide aid to the water department when needed. Since the Town has taken over the Lauder Lane septic district maintenance and any repairs would also be covered in this contract.

Councilor Alexander asked if this could be extended outside of a one-year contract and is the 5% increase necessary?

Councilor Legg stated the City of Syracuse could possibly provide the same services, we are just trying to address the current year and would look into using the City of Syracuse in the future.

Town Engineer Robinson stated the Village currently contracts with the City of Syracuse for services so we can look into also using the City of Syracuse for this type of service.

On a motion of Councilor Legg and seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the contract with Brillo Excavation for a one-year contract for emergency water and septic services at a cost not to exceed 5% of the initially contract cost.

\*price chart attached

**Reschedule Jordan Road PRV Replacement Bid Opening – June 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.:** Supervisor Arron report no bids were received for the Jordan Road PRV replacement project at the bid opening on May 31<sup>st</sup> , therefore they would need to reschedule the bid opening.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, Seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board rescheduled the bid opening for the Jordan road PRV replacement for June 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

**Seneca Meadows Resolution Opposing the Increase of the Permitted Landfill Height and Extended Life of Seneca Meadows, Inc:** Supervisor Aaron stated she had attended a rally in Waterloo in support of not expanding Seneca Meadows Landfill. The Town of Skaneateles has been asked to adopt a resolution in support of not expanding the Seneca Meadows Landfill. It would also extend the permit of the existing landfill for 15 years. This resolution is presented to the Board.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the following resolution was approved:

**TOWN OF SKANEATELES RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCREASE OF THE PERMITTED LANDFILL HEIGHT  
AND EXTENDED LIFE OF SENECA MEADOWS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Seneca Meadows, Inc. (SMI) is seeking to increase the life of its existing landfill ("Landfill") located at 1786 Salcman Road in the Towns of Seneca Falls and Waterloo, Seneca County, New York, and

**WHEREAS**, the project would add approximately 47 million cubic yards of air space used for the disposal of non-hazardous residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial wastes in the proposed SMI Valley Infill Area (Valley Infill"), and

**WHEREAS**, The Valley Infill will involve the construction of approximately 47 acres of newly lined landfill area, as well as overfilling above approximately 191 acres of currently permitted landfill area, and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the existing maximum permitted Landfill height by about 70 feet, and

**WHEREAS**, the type of waste being received at the facility (Municipal Solid Waste) and the approved design capacity of the Landfill, which is 6,000 tons per day (TPD), would not change, however, Landfill operation would be extended approximately 15 years, depending on the waste volume received in a given year; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the project sponsor must obtain the following project approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"): modification of its existing Solid SMI Facility Permit under NYCRR Parts 360 and 363 ("the Part 360/363 permit"); a Change-of- use approval for the Tantalio Landfill Class 4 Superfund Site; and coverage under the SPDES MulitSector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activities (GP-0-17-004). SMI must also obtain approval from the Town Boards of Seneca Falls and Waterloo ("Town Boards") for the Site Plan for the Valley Infill project Landfill. In addition, the Site will require Site Plan Approval from each Town's Planning Board, and the Project will also require Special

Use Permit approvals from Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town of Waterloo. In addition, the project sponsor must also undergo an obstruction review by the Federal Aviation Authority ("FAA"); and

**WHEREAS**, traffic to and from the existing Landfill site impacts the Finger Lakes community beyond the Towns of Seneca Falls and Waterloo, presents visual blight upon entering the Finger Lakes area from the Thruway, thereby being incompatible with the community character of the region, together with unmitigated odors emanating therefrom, already negatively impacts regional roads, and air quality and environmental conditions in the immediate area causing these neighborhoods adjacent thereto to be designated disadvantaged communities by the NYSDEC; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Skaneateles is not currently named as an interested party, however the residents of the Town will be directly affected by the award of approval or by failure for SMI to receive approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of a landfill decreases the value of properties, increases greenhouse gases, violates New York's climate law and guidelines as proposed by the Climate Action Council, and provides the potential for additional toxins to impact the region;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Town of Skaneateles does hereby oppose any increase in the existing maximum permitted Landfill height by about 70 feet, as well as the extension of the life of the landfill by approximately 15 years, without due consideration of its impact on adjacent communities; and

**BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED**, That the Town of Skaneateles seeks to be named an interested party due to the impacts on our community and therefore requests an enhanced public participation process for this proposed expansion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Skaneateles directs the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the NYSDEC, the Town Boards of Seneca Falls and Waterloo and the Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town of Waterloo, and the Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

**Town of Skaneateles Town Hall Floating Holiday – July 3, 2023:** Supervisor Aaron stated to the Board the employees in the Town have 2 floating holidays. They use one floating holiday for the Friday after Thanksgiving and the employees are requesting to use the second floating holiday on July 3, 2023.

The Board agreed to this request.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Alexander the Board approved the request for the Town employees to use their floating holiday on July 3, 2023.

**Town Hall Office Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer for Zoning Board & Planning Board Tablets/ Codes Office Laptop and Software - \$10,000:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Codes Office has requested to purchase tablets for meetings and software upgrades. This was budgeted for in 2023.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Clerk was instructed to advertise to transfer from the following fund subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law: Town Hall Office Equipment Reserve Fund for the following: tablets and software upgrades for Planning , Zoning and Codes Enforcement.

**Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**

***Plan Onondaga – Onondaga County Wide Plan Release:*** Supervisor Aaron announced Onondaga County had released their County wide comprehensive plan and is being presented to the public. She would be attending the meeting on June 13, 2023.

***Hamlet Committee Meeting – June 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.:*** Councilor Legg announced the Hamlet Committee meeting would be held on June 12, 2023, at the Town Hall.

***Shoreline Committee Update:*** Councilor Tucker stated the committee would be meeting again on Wednesday and would hopefully be submitting the plan to the Town Board by the next meeting.

***Conservation Committee Update:*** Councilor Alexander announced the Conservation Committee had taken off Matt ‘Leveroni as the new chair. He motivated the group and is making things happen. It is a great group of volunteers. They had done tree planting and invasive species removal. They had tended to the board work and the overlook. Replacements of boards on the boardwalk and creating a much safer area. Boy Scout Troop 61 would be camping out and they are excited for this camp out to be coming back. We also have our Parks & Recreation fund that people can donate to.

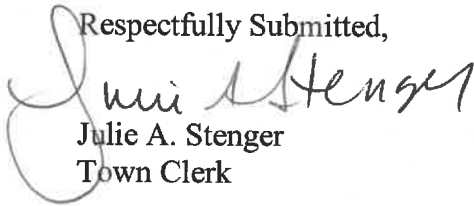
**Public Comment:** No Public Comment.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to attorney advice at 8:20 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk

# Skaneateles Fire Department

77 West Genesee Street Skaneateles, NY 13152  
Phone: 315-685-3496 Fax: 315-685-3480

## June 5, 2023- Town Board Report

### Calls for the month:

- See attached Chief's Report (5/1/2023 – 5/31/2023)

### Member hours for the month:

- See attached Members Hour Report (5/1/2023 – 5/31/2023)

### Upcoming trainings:

- 6/11-Apparatus EVOC-08:00
- 6/12-Hose Advancement-19:00
- 6/19-Ladders/ Truck Scrub-19:30
- 6/26-WR-1,2 training-19:00

### Meetings for the month:

- Labor Day – TBA
- Truck – TBA
- Trustees & Board of Directors-TBA
- Officers--TBA

### Other business:

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- Tickets are now available for the High Stakes Money Drawing and are available from any firefighter or online at [www.skaneatelesvfd.com](http://www.skaneatelesvfd.com). As of June 1st<sup>h</sup>, 513 tickets have been sold. This year there are only 850 tickets available for purchase. Mark your calendars now for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night and High Stakes Money Drawing scheduled for Saturday September 23, 2023 at Skaneateles Station #1.

Respectfully submitted,



Pete Buelller  
Fire Chief

# Chief's Report

Skaneateles

**From: 5/1/2023 To: 5/31/2023**

**From: 1/1/2023 To: 12/31/2023**

**Membership**

Total calls: 39	Total calls: 147	Active: 62
Structure Fires: 1	Structure Fires: 10	Career: 0
Vehicle Fires: 0	Vehicle Fires: 3	Inactive: 24
Vegetation Fires: 1	Vegetation Fires: 1	Probationary: 2
Acres Burned: 0	Acres Burned: 0	Military Leave: 0
EMS: 13	EMS: 38	Medical Leave: 0
Rescue: 0	Rescue: 1	Disability: 0
MVA: 7	MVA: 15	Social: 8
Extrication: 1	Extrication: 2	
Hazardous Condition: 3	Hazardous Condition: 8	Firefighter: 61
Service Call: 0	Service Call: 14	Interior Firefighter: 27
Good Intent Call: 1	Good Intent Call: 4	CFR: 0
False Alarm: 2	False Alarm: 41	EMT: 6
Cancelled Enroute: 1	Cancelled Enroute: 12	Paramedic: 1
Other: 0	Other: 0	Driver: 17
Mutual Aid Given: 3	Mutual Aid Given: 19	Diver: 9
Mutual Aid Received: 10	Mutual Aid Received: 62	Fire Police: 5
Average Personnel: 10.2	Average Personnel: 11.4	Haz-Mat: 21
Average Enroute Time: 1:22	Average Enroute Time: 1:46	Juniors, Explorers, RAMS: 1
Average Onscene Time: 4:52	Average Onscene Time: 5:12	Student, Bunk-in: 0
Firefighter Injuries: 0	Firefighter Injuries: 0	Support Staff: 4
Firefighter Deaths: 0	Firefighter Deaths: 0	

Meetings: 2	Meetings: 6
Drills: 6	Drills: 27
Training: 0	Training: 5
Miscellaneous: 7	Miscellaneous: 44
Stand-by: 0	Stand-by: 0

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, June 1, 2023



# Member Hours Report

From: 5/1/2023

To: 5/31/2023

Skaneateles

MEMBER	Drills	Education	EMS / MEDICAL	FIRE / RESCUE	Misc.	Monthly Meeting	TOTAL
202 Alexander, Michael	7.00	0	15.21	21.44	8.00	4.00	55.65
40 Andrews, Bill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3 Astemborski, Ted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
17 Adkinson, Bill	0	0	0	0	0	3.00	3.00
79 Bailier, Dennis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
13 Bailier, Richard	7.00	0	6.58	14.84	0	1.00	29.42
80 Bailier, Rob	2.00	0	0	0	1.00	4.00	7.00
900H Barron, Dee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6 Battie, Jorge	2.00	0	19.38	23.63	0	4.00	49.01
136 Blum, Tony	0	0	0	0	4.00	3.00	7.00
901H Brown, Jim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
143 Buehler, Keith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
68 Buehler, Pete	9.50	0	35.57	31.36	7.00	4.00	87.43
12 Buff, Jim	0	0	9.75	4.70	4.00	3.00	21.45
160 Busa, Steve	2.00	0	10.05	11.87	0	4.00	27.92
14 Card, David	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
15 Carlson, Gordon	7.00	0	20.28	19.47	1.00	4.00	51.75
4 Casper, Steve	0	0	2.70	0	0	0	2.70
180 Caza, Christopher	7.00	0	2.08	10.18	0	4.00	23.26
113 Clark, Jay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
39 Clarry, Randy	5.00	0	21.08	16.76	4.00	4.00	50.84
911C Coerper, Becky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
115 Cross, Don	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
29 D'Amico, Adam	0	0	0	0	0	3.00	3.00
21 Dean, Doug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

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195 Dickover, George	5.00	0	14.42	9.37	3.00	0	31.79
183 Dove, Ryan	5.00	0	14.17	17.71	0	1.00	37.88
912H Dove, Susan	0	0	0	0	1.00	0	1.00
11 Dudden, Tammy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
2 Evans, Daniel S	0	0	19.21	20.32	3.00	4.00	46.53
191 Evans, Emily	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
199 Evans, Thomas	7.00	0	17.91	22.76	3.00	4.00	54.67
178 Fedor, Christopher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
117 Frank, Bob	7.00	0	9.33	1.22	3.00	4.00	24.55
186 Frank, William	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	3.00
62 Gannon, Pat	7.00	0	9.36	1.18	0	4.00	21.54
203 Gerardi, Justin	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	2.00
902H Gleason, Lorie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
33 Graham, Schlyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
909H Gray, Robby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
197 Hahnig, William	5.00	0	11.45	15.57	3.00	4.00	39.02
19 Hall, Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
198 Hertzendorf, Cameron	7.00	0	13.36	13.93	3.00	4.00	41.29
914H Hubbard, Marty	0	0	0	0	0	3.00	3.00
25 Jones, Paul	0	0	15.73	3.03	3.00	3.00	24.76
201 Keller, Ed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
194A Kanyon, Lauren	0	0	0	0	0	3.00	3.00
170 Kipp, Jacob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
43 Landers, Ed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
45 Lee, Dave	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

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127 Lessaongang, Frank	5.00	0	3.51	6.60	3.00	1.00	19.11
101 Lessaongang, Ray	2.00	0	3.00	2.67	3.00	4.00	14.67
174 Lockhart, Marcus R	7.00	1.00	11.44	9.38	4.00	1.00	33.82
107 Loperfido, Joe	0	0	0	0	0	3.00	3.00
157 Lynn, Bill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
156 Lynn, Marty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
51 Major, Charlie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
904C Major, Peter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
52 Marchand, Dick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
905C McGrath, Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
185 Mead, Arfel	5.00	0	10.28	2.50	10.00	4.00	31.78
162 Mead, Kevin	5.00	0	0	2.50	0	4.00	11.50
181 Mead, Paul W	0	0	1.47	0	0	3.00	4.47
131 Murphy, Bill	7.00	0	0	10.05	7.00	4.00	28.05
7 Murphy, Kathy	4.00	0	6.36	8.77	7.00	4.00	30.13
60 Murphy, Paul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
96 Newell, David	5.00	0	9.44	11.93	0	4.00	30.37
184 Orsen, Joe	0	0	0	0	3.00	0	3.00
188 Paddock, Heather	2.00	0	10.74	0	3.00	1.00	16.74
171 Paddock, Mike	3.00	0	9.56	9.25	3.00	0	24.81
63 Perkins, Dick	2.50	0	7.89	9.29	1.00	4.00	24.68
116 Pickering, Dana	9.50	0	17.13	25.81	6.00	4.00	62.44
200 Plummer, Paul	2.00	0	11.48	7.32	3.00	4.00	27.80
69 Roberts, Ed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
910C Roulette, Paula	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

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88 Rusin, Jim	2.00	5.00	15.39	13.07	4.00	4.00	43.46
66 Russell, Gene	0	0	12.40	11.66	3.00	1.00	28.06
907H Scriven, John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
71 Scriven, Ted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
103 Sell, Eric	5.00	0	0	3.68	11.00	4.00	23.68
176 Sell, Thomas	0	0	0	1.18	5.00	3.00	9.18
109 Sheppell, Gary	0	0	0	0	0	3.00	3.00
74 Sheppard, David	4.00	0	9.44	10.65	1.00	4.00	29.09
133 Short, Scott	0	0	0	0	0	4.00	4.00
908H Simmons, Doreen	0	0	0	0	0	3.00	3.00
909C Sisson, Barry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
78 Spearing, Dave	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
82 Squires, Fred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
187 Stanczyk, Mike	7.00	0	0	0	3.00	4.00	14.00
24 Stebbins, Mark	4.00	0	5.78	0	0	1.00	10.78
84 Surbeck, Greg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
146 Tate, Jodi	5.00	0	1.47	2.90	3.00	4.00	16.37
93 Truswell, Roy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
76 Wallace, Charles	2.00	5.00	0	0	4.00	4.00	15.00
92 Wallington, Allan	3.00	0	10.36	0	0	3.00	16.36
196 Willey, Mike	3.00	0	6.25	5.87	0	0	15.12
41 Woodford, Clint	9.50	0	35.57	33.03	4.00	4.00	86.10
192 Yengo, Chris	5.00	0	0	5.05	0	3.00	13.05
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>466.58</b>	<b>452.50</b>	<b>142.00</b>	<b>173.00</b>	<b>1450.1</b>

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

**Proposed Zoning Law Amendment Related to Solar Energy Systems**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Legg has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 4 of 2023 entitled “A Local Law Amending the Requirements for Offsite/Community and Utility Solar Uses in the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Article 5 of the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Law (the “Zoning Law”) to address land use requirements for the construction or erection and location of Offsite/Community and Utility Solar uses (as defined in the Zoning Law) in the Town of Skaneateles (the “Town”); and

**WHEREAS**, when reviewing a proposal for a Offsite/Community or Utility Solar use, the Town of Skaneateles Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) and/or the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Board of Appeals (the “ZBA”) should take into account the surrounding land uses to determine the suitability of the proposed use in a given location; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the potential impact that Offsite/Community and Utility Solar uses may have on the community character of surrounding lands and the scenic, natural and historic character of the Town, the Planning Board and ZBA should give particular consideration to these impacts before approving such uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, with respect to these proposed amendments to the Zoning Law, and pursuant to those laws, referred part 1 of the EAF to County Planning and sent lead agency letters in order to comply with the rules governing coordinated review; and

**WHEREAS**, Onondaga County Planning, the Zoning Board and the Planning Board did not recommend substantive changes to the Proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to comply with the requirements of the New York State Town Law and held a public hearing to allow the public to comment on the Proposed Local Law on May 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town currently has a moratorium in place that will not longer be necessary once the new regulations are implemented.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby confirms and adopts the following conclusions as SEQRA lead agency:

1. The Town Board hereby confirms its preliminary classification of the Proposed Local

Law as a Type I Action under SEQRA (the “Action”);

2. The following impacts are expected to result from the Action, when compared against the criteria in Section 617.7 (c) of the Regulations:

- a. There will not be a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.

Although the Proposed Local Law concerns development that could potentially occur within the Skaneateles Lake watershed, this Action will not result in an adverse impact to the surface water quality or quantity of Skaneateles Lake. At worst, no change to surface water quality or quantity will occur as a result of the Action. However, surface water quality may improve as a result of the Action because it prohibits development of large solar energy systems adjacent to the lake.

- b. There will not be large quantities of vegetation or fauna removed or destroyed as the result of the Action; there will not be substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species as the result of the Action; there will not be a significant impact upon habitat areas; there are no substantial adverse impacts on any known threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; nor are there any other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.

- c. There are no known Critical Environmental Area(s) on the site which will be impaired as the result of the proposed Action.

- d. The Action will not result in the creation of a material conflict with the Town’s current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted. To the contrary, the Proposed Local Law is meant to further these goals.

- e. The Action will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character.

The Proposed Local Law is intended to preserve community character and aesthetic resources by requiring a more careful review of proposed solar development projects.

- f. There will not be an increase in the use of either the quantity or type of energy resulting from the Action.

- g. There will not be any hazard created to human health.

- h. There will not be an irreversible change in the use of active agricultural lands that receive an agricultural use tax exemption or that will ultimately result in the loss

of ten acres of such productive farmland.

- i. The Action will not encourage or attract large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the Action.
  - j. There will not be created a material demand for other Actions that would result in one of the above consequences.
  - k. There will not be changes in two or more of the elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact.
  - l. There are not two or more related Actions which would have a significant impact on the environment.
3. Based upon the information and analysis above, the Action **WILL NOT** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts;
  4. The information available concerning the Action was sufficient for the Town Board to make its determination;
  5. The Town hereby approves and adopts the attached Full Environmental Assessment Form for the Action (Parts 1, 2, and 3);
  6. A Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed Action is hereby issued;
  7. The preparation of an environmental impact statement for the Action shall not be required;
  8. The Town Supervisor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 and issue the Negative Declaration as evidence of the Town Board's determination;
  9. This Determination of Non-Significance has been prepared in accordance with SEQRA and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file, publish and distribute a notice of this Negative Declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.12(a)(1);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it shall be designated Local Law No. 4 of 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the Proposed Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27 and to make any publications required by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Proposed Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to this resolution, the moratorium currently in place will automatically terminate immediately up filing of the local law.

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

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: June 6, 2023

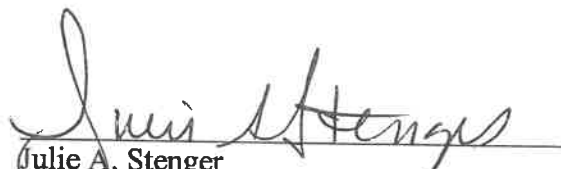
#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Skaneateles, New York on June 5, 2023 the foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Alexander and seconded by Councilor Legg, a quorum of four members of the five-member Board being present, and each voted on the Resolution as follows:

Supervisor Janet Aaron	Aye
Councilor Mark Tucker	Aye
Councilor Courtney Alexander	Aye
Councilor Christopher Legg	Aye
Councilor Susan Dove	Aye

The Resolution was, therefore, duly adopted.

Dated: June 6, 2023

  
Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk



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Town of Skaneateles  
Local Law 4 of the Year 2023  
Local Law Amending the Requirements for Offsite/Community  
and Utility Solar Uses in the Town of Skaneateles

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**Section 1. Title**

This Local Law shall be referred to as “A Local Law Amending the Requirements for Offsite/Community and Utility Solar Uses in the Town of Skaneateles.”

**Section 2. Purpose and Intent**

The purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Article 5 of the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Law (the “Zoning Law”) to address land use requirements for the construction or erection and location of Offsite/Community and Utility Solar uses (as defined in the Zoning Law) in the Town of Skaneateles.

**Section 3. Authority**

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the New York Town Law and the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

**Section 4. Amendment to Zoning Law**

See attached page.

**Section 5. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)**

The Town Board has considered the provisions of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (“SEQRA”) and the regulations adopted thereunder at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and finds this Local Law to be a Type I Action as defined therein. The Town Board, acting as lead agency, conducted a coordinated review pursuant to SEQRA and issued a determination of non-significance with respect to the proposed action.

**Section 6. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 7. Effective date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**TOWN OF SKANEATELES RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCREASE OF THE PERMITTED LANDFILL HEIGHT AND EXTENDED  
LIFE OF SENECA MEADOWS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Seneca Meadows, Inc. (SMI) is seeking to increase the life of its existing landfill (“Landfill”) located at 1786 Salcman Road in the Towns of Seneca Falls and Waterloo, Seneca County, New York, and

**WHEREAS**, the project would add approximately 47 million cubic yards of air space used for the disposal of non-hazardous residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial wastes in the proposed SMI Valley Infill Area (Valley Infill”), and

**WHEREAS**, The Valley Infill will involve the construction of approximately 47 acres of newly lined landfill area, as well as overfilling above approximately 191 acres of currently permitted landfill area, and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the existing maximum permitted Landfill height by about 70 feet, and

**WHEREAS**, the type of waste being received at the facility (Municipal Solid Waste) and the approved design capacity of the Landfill, which is 6,000 tons per day (TPD), would not change, however, Landfill operation would be extended approximately 15 years, depending on the waste volume received in a given year; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the project sponsor must obtain the following project approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”): modification of its existing Solid SMI Facility Permit under NYCRR Parts 360 and 363 (“the Part 360/363 permit”); a Change-of-use approval for the Tantalio Landfill Class 4 Superfund Site; and coverage under the SPDES MultiSector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activities (GP-0-17-004). SMI must also obtain approval from the Town Boards of Seneca Falls and Waterloo (“Town Boards”) for the Site Plan for the Valley Infill project Landfill. In addition, the Site will require Site Plan Approval from each Town’s Planning Board, and the Project will also require Special

Use Permit approvals from Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town of Waterloo. In addition, the project sponsor must also undergo an obstruction review by the Federal Aviation Authority (“FAA”); and

**WHEREAS**, traffic to and from the existing Landfill site impacts the Finger Lakes community beyond the Towns of Seneca Falls and Waterloo, presents visual blight upon entering the Finger Lakes area from the Thruway, thereby being incompatible with the community character of the region, together with unmitigated odors emanating therefrom, already negatively impacts regional roads, and air quality and environmental conditions in the immediate area causing these neighborhoods adjacent thereto to be designated disadvantaged communities by the NYSDEC; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Skaneateles is not currently named as an interested party, however the residents of the Town will be directly affected by the award of approval or by failure for SMI to receive approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of a landfill decreases the value of properties, increases greenhouse gases, violates New York’s climate law and guidelines as proposed by the Climate Action Council, and provides the potential for additional toxins to impact the region;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Town of Skaneateles does hereby oppose any increase in the existing maximum permitted Landfill height by about 70 feet, as well as the extension of the life of the landfill by approximately 15 years, without due consideration of its impact on adjacent communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Town of Skaneateles seeks to be named an interested party due to the impacts on our community and therefore requests an enhanced public participation process for this proposed expansion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Skaneateles directs the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the NYSDEC, the Town Boards of Seneca Falls and Waterloo and the Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town of Waterloo, and the Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

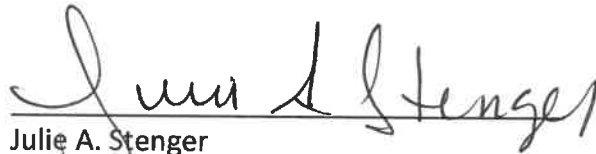
**CERTIFICATION**

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Supervisor Janet Aaron	Aye
Councilor Mark Tucker	Aye
Councilor Courtney Alexander	Aye
Councilor Christopher Legg	Aye
Councilor Susan Dove	Aye

The Resolution was, therefore, duly adopted.

Dated: June 6, 2023



Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk