

## **Town Board Meeting**

**January 27, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Zoom: Meeting Id: 861 8561 5824 Passcode: 760780**

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

**Also, Present (In Person):** Tom Fairhurst, Ed Evans, Chad Rogers, Eric Sell, Edie North, Rob North, Chris Corfield, Claude Lemaitre, Duane Wiedor, Amy Rolleri, William Eberhardt, Jennifer Peterson, Ed Keller, Jared Tracy, Kerry Brogan, Tim Peterson, Philippe Lemaitre, Kathleen Piper, Eric Sell.

**Also, Present (via Zoom):** Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Brian Buff, Sue Murphy, Elsa Soderberg, Karen Barkdull, Tim Dobrovosky, Janet Aaron, Tyde Richards, Mary Sennett, Holly Karker, Susan Overstrom, Maura Molnar, Nicole Harvey, Bill Mahood, Holland Gregg, Kristi Krieger, Ashley Palmer, Bill Marquardt, Laura Rodormer, Michelle Ederer, Andre Ivanchuk, Kathleen Zapata, John McAllister, Laurel Moranz, Janine Savage, Bill Allyn.

**Austin Park Informational Presentation:** Supervisor Legg reviewed the history of Austin Park and the process the Board had gone through to this point on the proposed Parks Project.

He stated Mr. Austin had willed the property to the Village in 1927. In 1970 the ice rink was built by New York State matching grants and private funds.

In 2016 the Town received NYS legislation to transfer ownership to the Town to fund park improvements.

Improvements were made to the Arena in the north end. The renovation included, community meeting rooms and Park Department offices. The Sims Building and picnic pavilion, originally built in the 1960s with Skaneateles Rotary, was rebuilt in 2021 with grant money. They had repaired the State Street bridge, repaved the walking path with a grant received by Parks Director Sue Murphy from Onondaga County and trees were planted in 2024. New signs had been installed, and the Sims Building heat pumps and insulation were installed in 2025 with a grant from NYSERDA

The Town Board had been soliciting public ideas for Parks facilities since 2016 and had created various plans with the public input received.

The Board had originally discussed a stand-alone storage building. And with the public input they changed that idea to enclose the north end of the arena and removed the plans for an extension on the northeast side and added a new 40x60 storage building.

In 2019 the Town sold the Fennell Street property to the library and in 2021 held three public meetings to analyze the proposed improvements to the park and the arena.

In 2022 and 2023 the Town Board modified the plans and continued public information meetings and community outreach.

Supervisor Legg stated the facilities would be only for the Parks Department and their equipment storage, including mowers and trucks. There would be no trucks stored or parked in the enclosed north end of the arena. Any trucks or vehicles would be stored or parked on the south side parking area and the proposed enclosed area on the south side of the building. Supervisor Legg stated this would be a multi-phase project for community recreational use facilities and storage.

He stated the Town Board had worked with the Village Board on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding this proposed project in 2024. This MOU reviewed three trucks that would be moved to the south end of arena and the proposal of a 40x60 building in the park which would hold trucks, 2 trailers, and additional equipment.

Supervisor Legg stated information on the project was posted on the Town website which included the June presentation, the Village/Town MOU and the list of public questions and answers.

Since 2016 this project had unanimous support from multiple Town Boards.

Supervisor Legg discussed the financing of the proposed project. Phase 1 of the project would be funded by the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. These funds were earmarked for Austin Park when received in 2021 and the Town Board had met the contracted obligation by Dec 31, 2024. The funds from the sale of the Fennell Street property to the library. Also, the Town Board has been setting aside monies each year in the Town Budget to prepare for this project. The Town had enacted a 5% occupancy tax on any rentals of less than 30 days. When the hotels are completed this could be funded for up to \$300,000.

For the completion of phase 2 the Town Board is already looking for grant opportunities and looking at potential bonding for the project.

Supervisor Legg stated they had been working in coordination with the Village of Skaneateles, Skaneateles Fire Department, Skaneateles Rotary, Skaneateles Schools, Skaneateles Pickleball Club, and the Village Tree Committee. The proposed project would not interfere with the events that are planned on an annual basis at the arena.

Supervisor Legg stated the Town Board is in the planning phase for a start date in March 2025 and a targeted completion date not later than September 2025.

Supervisor Legg introduced Chad Rogers of King & King Architects to give the presentation.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the proposed master plan of the Parks, which included phase 1 of the project, the enclosure of the north. The additional phases included the 40X60 storage building in the upper park, 6 new pickleball courts, rebuilding the 6 existing tennis courts, rebuilding the 4 existing basketball courts and the Austin Arena Renovations.

He reviewed the site plan for project/phase 1. This first phase would be to enclosure and create a space for Parks storage at the north end of the Austin Arena. This would include an existing curb cut and driveway from Jordan Street, a new internal driveway and new native landscaping screening. He stated the native landscape screening would be done with mature size trees and plantings around the driveway and the building. The storm drainage would also be improved.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the entire master plan with all phases. This included the rebuilding of the southside garage area, the bathrooms, and the kitchen/break room. The rebuilding of the bathrooms would allow for inside and outside access. The pavilion space would be enclosed with overhead doors that could be opened up in better weather. The center of the arena would have turf that could be covered with plastic covering so the space could be used for different events. The walking track would be around the turf area. The North area of the site plan had the layout of the proposed storage area.

Mr. Rogers reviewed pictures of the existing north end of the building and the rendering of the proposed renovations.

\*Presentation attached

**NYSERDA Clean Energy Community grant project approved: Sims Building heat pumps and insulation, Conservation Area electric UTV, and LED street light installations:** Supervisor Legg stated the Town was in receipt of a grant for \$50,000 from NYSERDA. This grant was used for heat pumps for the Sims Building at Austin Park. There is also approval for the Conservation Area to receive an electric ATV to help with the upkeep of the Conservation Area.

Councilor Alexander stated the purchase of the electric ATV is being funded in total through this NYSERDA grant, not the Town of Skaneateles.

Supervisor Legg stated the last item this grant would be used for is to purchase some additional LED streetlights that were missing from the original purchase from National Grid.

**Minutes of January 6, 2025:** On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of January 6, 2025, were accepted as presented.

**Abstract #24-26:** On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Alexander, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

**Abstract #24-26**

General	\$ 60,093.35
Part Town	\$ 10,499.06
Highway	\$ 17,569.23
Highway PT	\$ 7,918.93
Water	\$ 9,716.93
T&A	\$ 2,127.54

**TOTAL**                      **\$ 107,925.04**

**Abstract #25-02:** On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Alexander, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

**Abstract # 25-02**

General	\$	112,866.97
Part Town	\$	22,459.63
Sewer	\$	728.86
Highway	\$	25,634.87
Highway PT	\$	18,331.89
T&A	\$	431.61
Water	\$	45,613.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>226,067.77</b>

**Request for Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Austin Arena – June 11, 2025 -June 16, 2025:** Supervisor Legg reported on the request from the Skaneateles Rotary Club asking the Town for the use of the Austin Arena for the Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast for June 11, 2025 -June 16, 2025, and to waive the fee.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the use and waived the fee for use of the Austin Pavilion for the Rotary Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast, June 11, 2025 – June 16, 2025.

**Conservation Area American Chestnut Blight – Phillip Bonn Proposal:** Councilor Alexander reported the Matt Leveroni, Chair of the Conservation Committee and Phillip Bonn had brought to the committee’s attention the infestation of the “blight” on the chestnut trees.

Councilor Alexander reported that Mr. Bonn has proposed using a Systemic Fungicide, Monterey Garden Phos mixed with Pentra-Bark to arrest the spread of the fungus. This is very similar to the spraying done on the Hemlock trees on the O’Loughlin property on Gully Rd. With the exception of using a *fungicide* versus a *pesticide* in the basal spray. Pentra-bark is a non-toxic wetting agent designed to aid in the penetration of chemicals into the bark of a tree. And Monterey Garden Phos is a systemic fungicide consisting of salts of phosphorus. This is mixed with water and a small percentage of Pentra-bark to be sprayed onto each tree.

Mr. Bonn stated in his proposal that the treatment is best done in the early spring as the trees and the fungus come out of dormancy. With permission from the Board, he would purchase the treatment from the Conservation Area budget and apply it to each of the infected trees. The cost would be around \$150.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved Phillip Bonn's proposal to treat the "blight" on the Chestnut trees at the Conservation Areas, stated this is a Type II under SEQRA.

**Schedule Bid Opening Park Project:** Supervisor Legg reported the Board would need to schedule a bid opening for the HVAC and Electrical for the Parks Project. The proposed date would be February 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

General Contractors, Whalen and Curry are under contract with BlueScope. BlueScope is a company that manages subcontractors through Sourcewell.

This contract is a piggyback from a company in Minnesota and is approved for contracting in New York State. But this did not include the electrical or the HVAC system.

Attorney Smith reviewed the bid documents as presented to the Board. The Town is complying with the WICKS Law, but all the trades have to be different bidders.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board scheduled the Bid Opening for the HVAC and Electrical portion of Phase 1 of the Parks Project for February 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

**Andrews Road Water District Update:** Supervisor Legg stated the Andrews Road County Line Road extension, which includes the new water tower off of Bryant Lane. The Lead Engineer from C&S Engineering, Emily Procopio, provided an update to the Board. She reported that they are finalizing the design for Andrews Road and assembling the construction documents. They anticipate having a set to review with the Board and Town Engineer Robinson in the next 2-3 weeks. They will address any comments and then submit them to both Onondaga County and the NY State Health Department for their review. Assuming the worst-case scenario of the Health Department review taking a couple of months, they are looking at bidding and awarding in late April or early May.

**7:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Local Law 1 of 2025 “A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles” to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles:** Supervisor Legg stated the Board is in receipt of Introductory Local Law 1 of 2025 “A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles” to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles.

Attorney Smith stated the Board had previously addressed areas in the Town that there is illegal parking of vehicles. This Local Law would allow the Town Board to provide an enforcement mechanism to enforce the designated no parking zones. This Local law would amend the Town Code to allow the Town to contract with towing companies to enforce the no parking and tow away zones. This would be on the roadsides and the Town Parking areas that there is signage for no parking/tow away zone. This local law would be revenue neutral for the Town, it would only charge the cost of the towing to the person in violation.



On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board opened the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 1 of 2025 - "A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles" to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles.

Supervisor Legg asked if anyone would like to speak in favor, against or have any comments.

**Duane Wiedor:** Mr. Wiedor asked what the procedure would be to identify the vehicles in violation.

Supervisor Legg stated the Town does not have a police department therefore they would rely on the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and the NY State Troopers. These entities would respond and identify the vehicles.

**Eric Sell, Skaneateles Fire Department:** Mr. Sell asked if this local law would be enforced in the parking area at any of the substations of the Skaneateles Fire Department, which are owned by the Village but located in the Town?

Attorney Smith stated any Town parking area with "no parking" signs would be covered. This property would be covered if coordinated with the Village for Village owned property within the Town.

**Bill Allyn (Zoom):** Mr. Allyn asked if this would include handicapped permit holders' spaces.

Attorney Smith stated yes if it is not designated as a handicapped parking space. The spots that are designated are on the shoulders of well-traveled roads where there would not be designated parking or designated handicap parking.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Alexander, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board closed the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 1 of 2025 - "A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles" to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles.

The Town Board had no further comments.

The Board adopted the following resolution as presented:

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

**Adopting Proposed Amendment to Section 141-22 and Section 141-23 of the Town Code**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Councilor Alexander has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 1 of 2024 entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”).

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Chapter 141 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles (“Code”), entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles, in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of SEQRA and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), and Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, with respect to this proposed amendment to the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution dated January 27, 2025, the Town Board declared the Proposed Local Law to be a Type II action pursuant to SEQR involving the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” as set forth in Section 617.5(c)(33) of the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing on January 27, 2025, to obtain input from the community with respect to the Proposed Local Law;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to designate and authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into contracts with qualified towing companies for the removal and storage of illegally parked or abandoned vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it be designated Local Law No. 1 of 2025;

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney to take such other steps as may be necessary to carry out this resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board directs the Town Clerk to file the Proposed Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27.

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

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye

Mark Tucker  
Lori Milne

Voting  
Voting

Aye  
Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**

***February Town Board Meeting Schedule:*** Supervisor Legg announced the Town Board would hold one meeting in February, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

***2025 Transfer Station Permits Expire January 31, 2025:*** Supervisor Legg announced 2024 Transfer Station permits will expire January 31, 2025. The 2025 Transfer Station permits are available at the Town Hall for a fee of \$100 per household.

***Winter Swap Shop Update:*** Supervisor Legg announced the Swap Shop committee held a winter Swap Shop at the Austin Arena on January 11<sup>th</sup> and it was a great success.

***Shoreline Committee Update:*** Councilor Tucker announced the Shoreline Committee would be meeting next week and he would keep the Board updated.

***Onondaga County Emergency Management Meeting Update:*** Councilor Dove attended the Onondaga County Emergency Management and updated the Town Board. The topics that were covered were the future of volunteer service and an update from Onondaga County Emergency Management. She stated she would send out the information to both the Skaneateles and Mottville Fire Departments.

**Public Comment:**

**Ed Keller, Orchard Road:** Mr. Keller stated he had been following the Austin Park project for the past 2 years. He had expressed concerns over those years and felt disrespected and not listened to. He stated he nor any of the neighbors that had expressed concern were contacted before the MOU with the Village was agreed on. He attended the meeting last June and during that meeting there were many questions raised and promises made that there would be more public input and that did not happen. He stated he appreciated what the Board does for the community, but the Town Board committed to this project without the public meeting that was promised at the June informational meeting. Now is the only option to change the plan would be to take legal action? How can this be corrected so this is something the community could support?

**Duane Wiedor, 2 Clift Lane:** Mr. Wiedor stated he was disappointed the public has not been involved. He stated he was in support of this project and an update to the arena is needed. He stated that he did not agree with the Parks Department location strategy. It started with one location and now it has three locations. There would be equipment at one end of the arena, trucks at the other end in the parking lot and trailers and equipment up in the park. He stated he was concerned with the safety of having three locations in the park, with trucks and equipment being moved. He stated he is a school bus driver and waits in the parking lot of the Austin Arena between runs. One day he was walking to use the restroom and was almost hit by a truck when he turned the corner of the building. He stated he did not agree with this plan. He did not agree with having any vehicles or equipment in the arena building. He stated he fully supports the other phases of the project but not phase 1, the enclosure and storage of equipment in the Austin Arena.



**Phillipe Lemaitre, Coon Hill Road:** Mr. Lemaitre spoke about the safety concerns and if the Board had any plans to address those concerns.

**Kathleen Piper, Jordan Street:** Mrs. Piper stated she had not seen the final drawing. Where can it be reviewed? Supervisor Legg stated all the versions of the plans and the question-and-answer document from the June presentation are posted on the Town of Skaneateles website.

**Claude Lemaitre, Coon Hill Road:** Mrs. Lemaitre asked the Board if there was a budget for the project.

Supervisor Legg stated the project is estimated at \$ 1.6 million. The funds for the project would be made up of the proceeds from the sale of the Fennell Street property to the Library, the ARPA funds from COVID, and money the Town has budgeted and saved. Going forward the money collected from the Occupancy Tax would go towards this project and the Parks.

He stated the repaving of the walking path was done with a grant from Onondaga County and the Board is working with the Pickleball groups for fund raising. The Board will continue to look for additional grants.

Councilor Alexander stated they would have the costs when the bids for the project were received.

**Kathleen Piper:** Mrs. Piper asked where the Parks pickup trucks would be stored with this plan.

Supervisor Legg stated the trucks would be stored inside the arena, in the interim. They would be moved out in the summer. Permanently, they will be on the south side of the building, not on the north side in the new enclosure. This is all a part of the MOU that was signed with the village. The change was made because of the public input, not wanting the trucks on the north side.

Mrs. Piper thanked the Board for the change. She has lived across the street for 30 years and she appreciated the truck storage being moved.

**Ed Evans, West Lake Street:** Mr. Evans asked the Town Board to give some indication of the timeline of the project, specifically the truck storage.

Supervisor Legg stated once the Board defines each phase, they would be able to identify that and the cost.

Mr. Evans stated the pickup storage was a big concern for the residents with this project.

Supervisor Legg stated the MOU specially specified the trucks are not to be on the north side of the building, they are to be in the proposed garage area on the south side. Safety is the ultimate priority.

**Ben Eberhardt, Fennell Street:** Mr. Eberhardt asked the Board to explain the logic of using the Occupancy (Bed) Tax to pay into the parks.

Councilor Alexander stated the Board wanted it to be used for things that would benefit all the residents, since the Town no longer gets revenue from sales tax. The sales tax now goes to Onondaga County.

Mr. Eberhardt asked what the projected amount is and if there is a master plan for the parks in conjunction with the master plan of the Village.

Attorney Smith stated each community has a master plan. The Comprehensive Plan does not get into details of the park. The Comprehensive Plans for both the Town and the Village have Austin Park staying a park.

**Eric Sell, Skaneateles Fire Department:** Mr. Sell asked if all the revenue from the Occupancy Tax would be going to the park? There are other areas that could use the funds, such as water.

Councilor Alexander stated there are other places in the Town where the funds could be used but that had not been decided yet. The funds could not be used for any water infrastructure since not all residents in the Town have water service. The funds have to benefit all residents.

\*Questions from zoom participants in the chat would be entered into the record.

**Zoom Chat Question – Michelle Ederer:** Mrs. Ederer asked what the changes in this plan are and what would the Board do if they did not receive an easement from the Community Center?

Councilor Alexander stated the Town had other options if they could not get the easement. There are other ways to access the building.

**Zoom Chat Question -Andre Ivanchuk, Jordan Street:** Mr. Ivanchuk asked if trees and plantings could be done along the entrance to Jordan Street, to create a buffer for the residents along Jordan Street.

Supervisor Legg stated yes, landscaping is part of the plans. They are discussing in which phase this would take place, and the Board is working with the Garden Club for ideas of indigenous species that will work for the landscaping along Jordan Street.

**Andre Ivanchuk, 101 Jordan Street (Zoom):** Mr. Ivanchuk asked for the Board to explain how they had changed the plan for the residents and their input.

Supervisor Legg stated the new plan had the trucks stored at the south end of the arena. This was a condition of the MOU with the Village. This change was made due to the safety concerns of the neighbors and the public. The first phase is to enclose the north end of the arena for storage of mowers and recreation equipment. The three pickup trucks would now be stored in the proposed garage at the southwest corner of the arena, one pickup truck and two trailers would be stored at the building up by the Community Center and the interior of the arena would be open for turf, with a multiuse covering for community use. Windows and doors would be installed in the main area of the arena to give the open-air feel.

Mr. Ivanchuk stated the concern of the residents was the location of the vehicles in the building. The new plan still has trucks and equipment in the arena. How have you adjusted the project for the residents?

Councilor Alexander stated they had discussed the truck location at length and moving them to the southeast corner worked since this end of the arena is currently a parking lot. The parks trucks will be in the park on a daily basis, this is how the parks department functions. They are there now and there will be no additional vehicles.

Councilor Alexander stated she did not think there would be a safety issue on the north end. Originally the proposal included an addition off the north end for storage of ball mix and mulch. This was removed from the plan and moved to the building up top at the park.

Councilor Legg stated moving the pickup trucks to the southeast corner would directly access the parking lot.

**Michelle Ederer, Jordan Street:** Ms. Ederer stated she agreed with Ed Keller's comments. She stated her disappointment that there were no other meetings and all the questions that were asked at the meeting in 2024 were not answered. She asked the Board why they are not accountable for their decisions. Why did the plans not change and where are the cost estimates?

Mrs. Ederer discussed the safety issues with vehicles in the park. What is the option for access to the proposed building up top at the park next to the Community Center?

Mrs. Ederer stated she had also sent these questions in an email to the Board.

Supervisor Legg reviewed the process of the budget for the project. The budget would be estimated once the bids are received according to New York State laws. The projected estimated cost is \$1.6 million. Once the bids are received and if the Town is not happy with any of the bids the Town Board does not have to accept any of them. The estimate was figured by a NY State estimating company.

Supervisor Legg stated there are no heavy vehicles that would be using the north end of the arena. And, it would only be parks vehicles that are currently in use at the park.

Councilor Alexander stated the issue of people crossing the street would be a Village question since the park and the roads surrounding the park are in the Village. Her statement regarding the safety of vehicles at the north end was directed toward Town vehicles using the drive not the traffic on Village streets, which could only be addressed by the Village government.

Michelle Ederer asked what would be stored outside of the doors on the north end? Supervisor Legg stated nothing would be stored outside, everything would be stored inside the building.

Councilor Alexander stated there would be trucks for drop-off or pickup of supplies in this area. The trucks could also be temporarily stored in the north end only during the community events

held at the arena, the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, and the Fireman's Labor Day Field Days. This was part of the MOU with the Village.

Mrs. Ederer asked about the alternatives to the easement to the proposed building next to the Community Center. Councilor Alexander stated they would do the same thing as the department does now to access the Sims Building. The Parks department can come up through the park by the walking path, but we hope for an easement with the Community Center.

**Tim Peterson, Jordan Street:** Mr. Peterson stated some of the issues raised by the residents still have not been addressed. He said he did appreciate some of the new features to the plan but overall he did not feel the Board had addressed all the neighbors' concerns. The paved area outside the north end of the building seemed large just for mowers. He did not want it to become like the red barn the school has on State Street. There is a lot of equipment stored outside of the barn that was not supposed to be there. That large space would open up an opportunity to store equipment outside.

Supervisor Legg stated that was a point well taken. The MOU agreed on with the Village will not allow any outdoor storage. The size of the paved area was decreased in the new plan but would still support the turning radius of a truck.

Mr. Peterson thanked the Board.

**Bill Allyn:** Mr. Allyn asked about the snow plowing at the Community Center. Supervisor Legg stated that would be a Village issue. Mr. Allyn asked if the Town could plow the Community Center.

Supervisor Legg stated this is a specific question that they could have a separate meeting to discuss.

Councilor Alexander stated she would set up a meeting with Mr. Allyn.

**Holland Gregg, Jordan Road:** Mr. Gregg asked if the most current drawings were on the website. Supervisor Legg answered yes, all the current and past plans are on the website.

Mr. Gregg asked, if the window treatments on the west side of the building were going to be overhead doors? The current drawings do not show that.

Councilor Alexander stated the feedback from the neighbors was that they did not like the overhead doors on the west side, but since the last meeting it seemed like that has changed and the Board would look at this in the next phases of the project, King & King is working on this change.

Mr. Gregg asked about the separate phases, would there be opportunities for the public to comment on the future phases of the project?

Councilor Alexander stated the Board would follow the MOU and work with the user groups and the public. People could send their comments at any time to the Town Board.

Mr. Gregg thanked the Board for all their hard work on this project.

Councilor Dove went back to the question asked by Eric Sell regarding the Occupancy Tax. In the Occupancy Tax local Law it stated that the tax could be used for the “health and wellbeing” of the community.

Mr. Sell asked if that meant that the funds could be used for infrastructure, for example water or emergency services.

Attorney Smith stated the statement meant that the funds could be used for other things, but the Board has decided for now to use the funds for the Parks.

Mr. Sell stated the Town needed updates to the water system for the safety of firefighting.

Councilor Alexander stated the Town is moving forward with the water tank on Andrews Road for that reason. And the funds had to be used for something that all residents have access to and not all properties in the Town have public water.

Supervisor Legg stated water had to be funded only by water customers through water rates.

Attorney Smith stated that it was a New York State law. The Town had received grant funding for this project.

Supervisor Legg stated the Town property tax bills now have a water district infrastructure charge on all those properties in the consolidated water district.

**Laura Rodormer:** Ms. Rodormer asked about the turf space and where the proposed walking track would be.

Attorney Smith directed her to the plan of the turf and the indoor space on the website.

She asked how the turf would be used and if there would be a membership requirement.

Attorney Smith stated it would be used as park space.

Councilor Tucker stated it would be the size of one field at the Ultimate Goal indoor arena.

Councilor Alexander stated they were still looking for funding and grants for the indoor space.

**Ed Keller, Orchard:** Mr. Keller asked where the trucks and the equipment that would be housed till the proposed 40x60 building was completed.

Councilor Alexander stated that the Board would budget for the building and the parks project over time to move forward with the additional phase, which would include the additional building.



Attorney Smith stated this is the plan and the Board is restricted by the MOU. The Board would have to produce a plan that would be consistent with the MOU with the Village.

Mr. Keller asked why the 40x60 building was not in phase I. Councilor Alexander stated that building would only be for seasonal use, and they need year-round use.

Councilor Alexander stated they would be working on funding to complete the project and work within the agreed MOU with the Village.

Supervisor Legg stated phase 1 would be completed and the Board would work on funding for the additional phases.

Mr. Keller stated, in his opinion, more work should be done on the additional phases and funding before breaking ground on phase 1.

The Board thanked everyone for their comments.

**Annual Accounting of Town Financial Records:** Supervisor Legg explained that Town Law §123 requires that each town officer and employee who receive or disburse any moneys in the previous fiscal year shall account with the Town Board such monies by presenting their reports and certifying to the Board the amount they received during the 2024 fiscal year.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) of the Town Board the certified financial accountings of the Town Clerk, and Justice Court were accepted as presented.

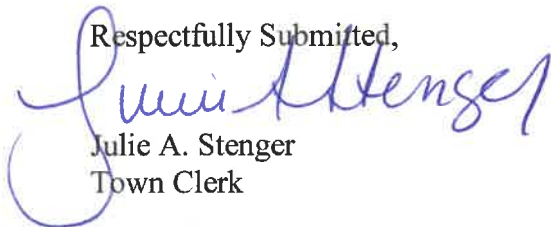
\*Reports attached

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Attorney Advice at 8:50 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 9:45 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk



# TOWN OF SKANEATELES

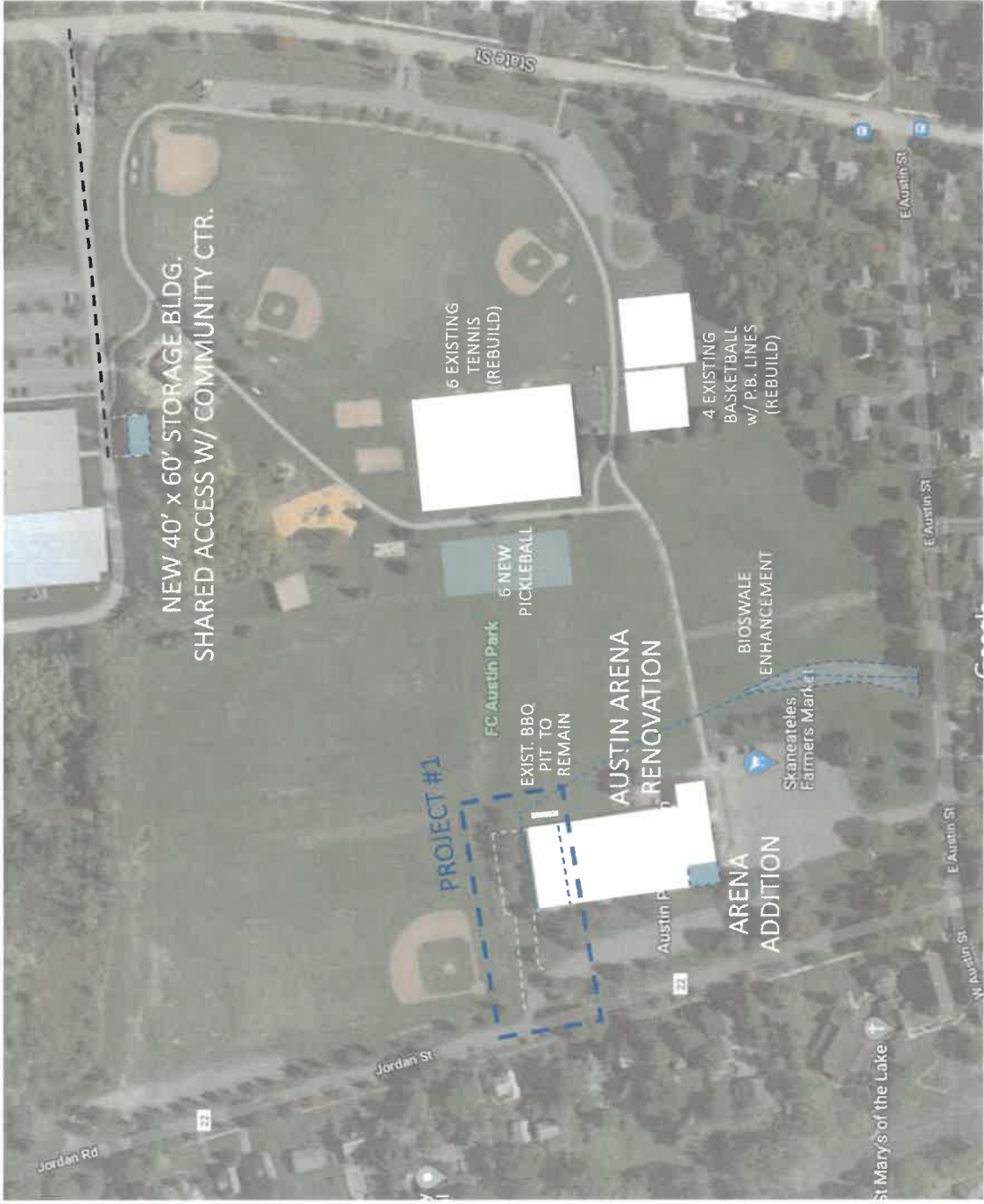
## AUSTIN ARENA

INFORMATION SESSION  
January 27, 2025





# AUSTIN PARK - PROPOSED SITE MASTER PLAN



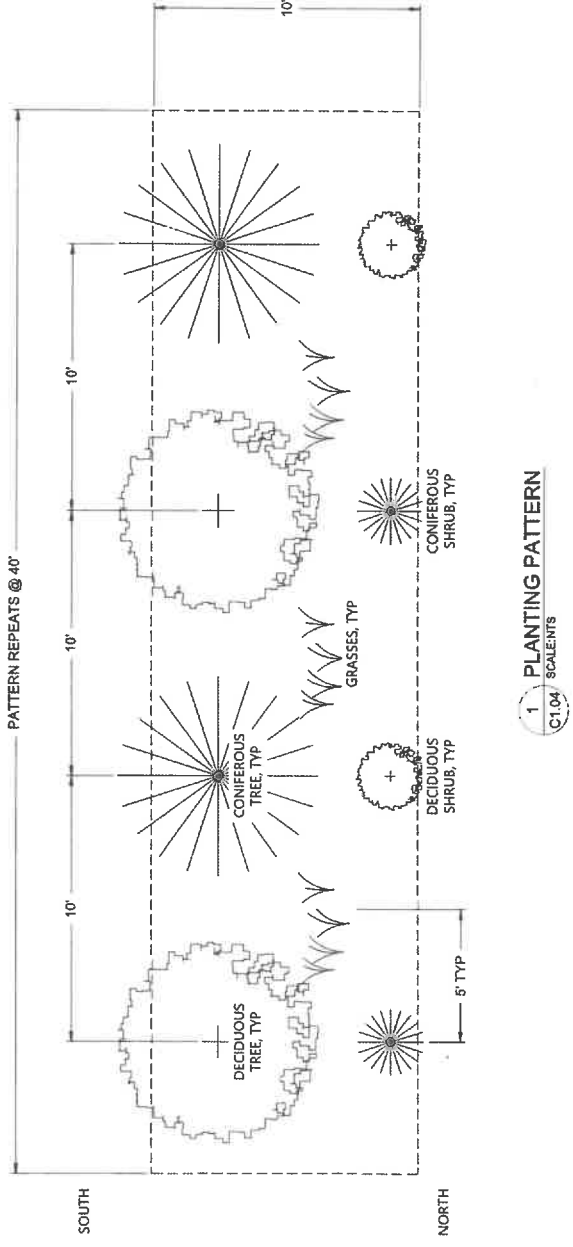
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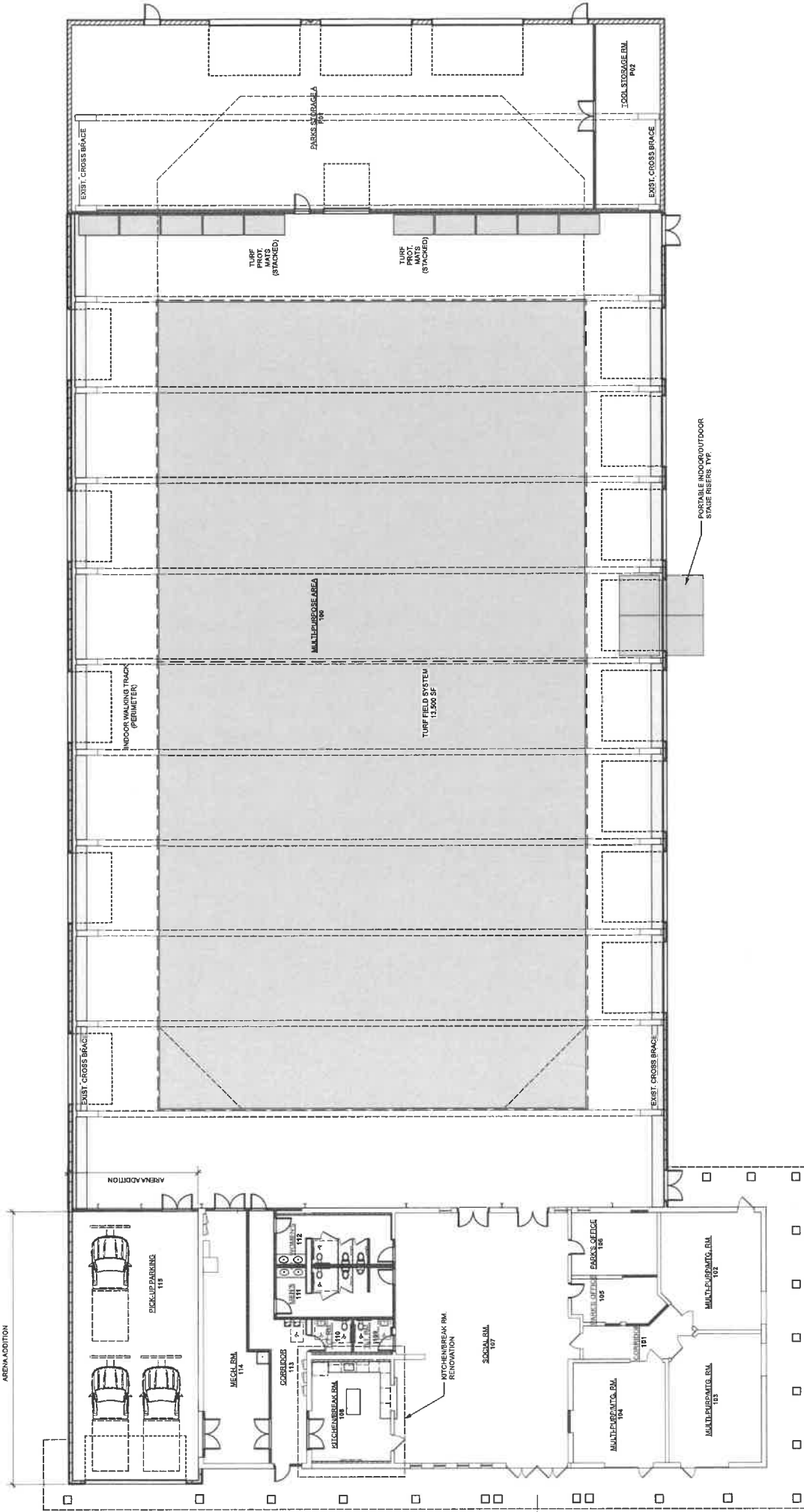




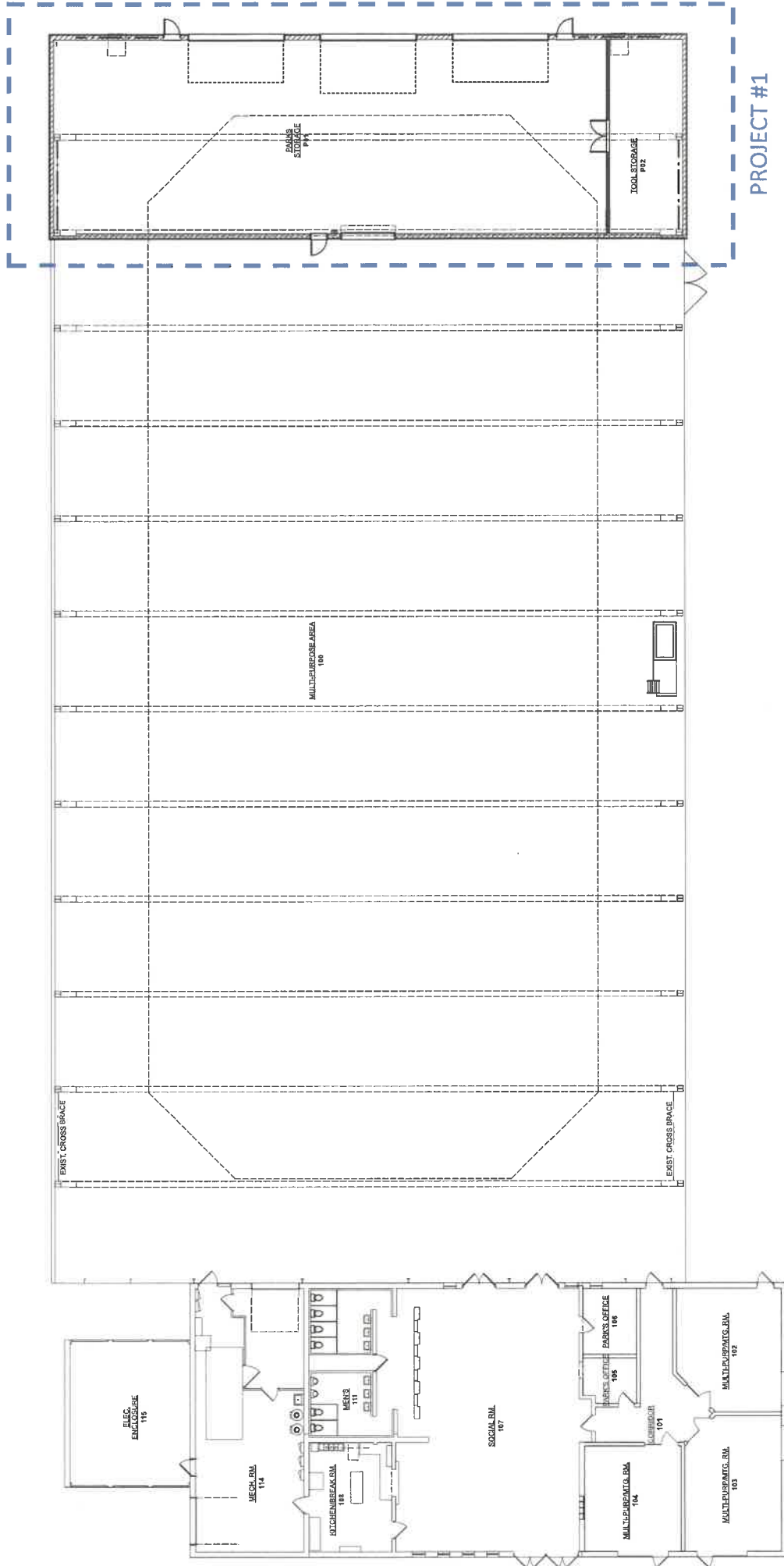
<b>Skaneateles – USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 5b</b>	
<b>Trees – evergreens.</b>	<b>Plant 10ft on center. Trees will be min 8 ft tall with min 2" DBH.</b>
Eastern white pine ( <i>Pinus strobus</i> )	
Canadian hemlock ( <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> )	
Eastern redcedar ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> )	
<b>Trees – deciduous.</b>	<b>Plant 10ft on center. Trees will be min 8 ft tall with min 2" DBH.</b>
Northern red oak ( <i>Quercus rubra</i> )	
Red maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	
Black walnut ( <i>Juglans nigra</i> )	
<b>Shrubs – deciduous.</b>	<b>Plant 4ft on center offset. Shrubs shall be 3 gal container</b>
Red Chokeberry ( <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> )	6-10 ft tall, 3-6 ft wide
Common Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> )	9-12 ft tall, 6-12 ft wide
Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> )	5-10 ft tall, 6-8 ft wide
Northern spicebush ( <i>Lindera benzoin</i> )	6 to 12 ft. tall
Southern arrowwood ( <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> )	6 to 8 ft. tall
<b>Shrubs – evergreen.</b>	<b>Plant 4 ft on center offset. Shrubs shall be 3 gal container</b>
American holly ( <i>Ilex opaca</i> )	15-30 ft tall
Inkberry holly ( <i>Ilex glabra</i> )	5-8 ft tall
Winterberry holly ( <i>Ilex verticillata</i> )	3-12 ft tall
<b>Grasses – infill among shrubs offset.</b>	<b>Grasses shall be 2 gal container *</b>
Switchgrass ( <i>Panicum virgatum</i> )	6 ft tall
Big Bluestem ( <i>Andropogon gerardi</i> )	6ft tall
Yellow Indiangrass ( <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> )	6ft tall



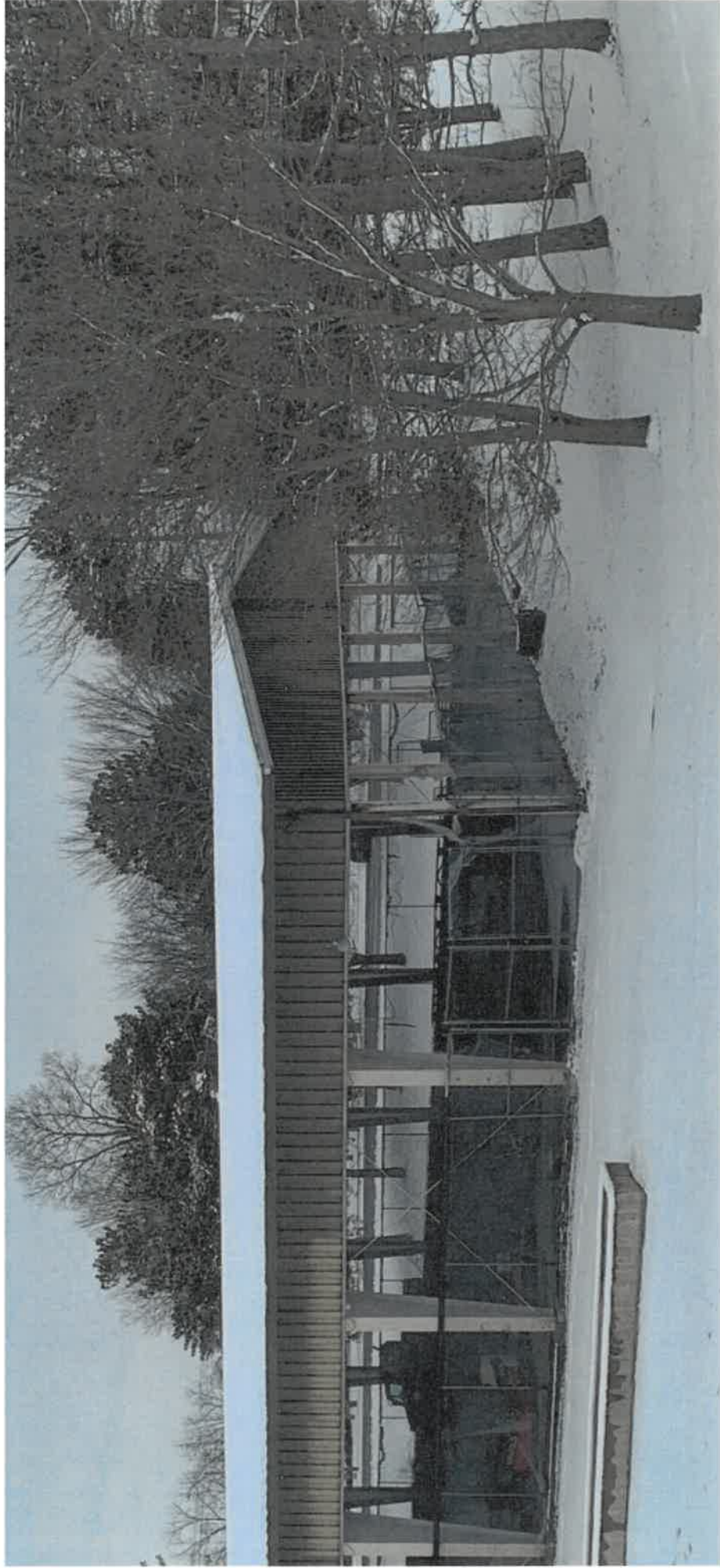
# SITE PLAN – NATIVE LANDSCAPE SCREENING



# AUSTIN ARENA RENOVATION – PROPOSED MASTER PLAN



# AUSTIN ARENA RENOVATION – PROJECT #1



VIEW FROM NORTHEAST  
LOOKING AT ARENA

# EXISTING PAVILION



VIEW FROM NORTHEAST  
LOOKING AT ARENA

CONCEPT RENDERING  
PROJECT #1





Thank you!

## Notice of Public Hearing

**Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025 entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles.” (the “Proposed Local Law”).**

The purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Chapter 141 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles (“Code”), entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles, in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Skaneateles Town Hall, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152** or via Zoom at **Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Skaneateles Town Hall, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152** or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86185615824> Meeting ID: 861 8561 5824, Passcode: 760780. Or dial by your location +• +1 646 931 3860 US • +1 646 876 9923 US (New York). At that time, all persons will be heard or have an opportunity to provide written comment.

An opportunity to be heard in regard to this agreement will be given at the hearing to those favoring or opposing the same, as well as any comments. Communication in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Board or at such hearing.

Dated: Skaneateles, New York  
January 8, 2025

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Town of Skaneateles  
Introductory Local Law Local Law 1 of the Year 2025  
A Local Law Amending  
Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles

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**Section 1. Authority**

This local law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law and the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

**Section 2. Purpose**

The purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Section 141-22 and Section 141-23 of Chapter 141 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles (the "Code"), entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles, in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare.

**Section 3. Amendments to Code**

Section 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code are amended as follows:

**§ 141-22. Removal of vehicles.**

- A. The Town shall provide for the removal and storage of any illegally parked or abandoned vehicle on a public highway, outside the Village of Skaneateles, which constitutes an obstruction to traffic or is left unattended during a snowstorm, flood, fire, or other public emergency.
- B. The Town may contract with qualified towing companies to carry out the removal and storage of illegally parked or abandoned vehicles on any public highway outside the Village of Skaneateles.
- C. The Superintendent of Highways, or any law enforcement official or any Town constable, shall have the authority to cause the removal and disposal of any vehicle without a permit issued by the Town Clerk and which is left unattended on any Town property. [Added 12-16-1991 by L.L. No. 4-1991]

**§ 141-23. Payment of costs and notice. [Amended 12-16-1991 by L.L. No. 4-1991]**

- A. Where the Town removes an illegally parked or abandoned vehicle, pursuant to the authority in this chapter, the owner may reclaim said vehicle upon the payment for such removal, disposition and storage thereof. Such costs may be fixed and amended from

time to time by resolution of the Town Board. The owner of the vehicle shall also be liable for fines otherwise provided under this chapter.

- B. The Town Clerk shall make reasonable efforts to report the removal and storage of any vehicle to the owner, or other qualified individual, while also providing the amount required to redeem the same.

#### **Section 4. 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 that the proposed amendments to the Code will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, no further review is required under SEQRA.

#### **Section 5. 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 6. Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

**Adopting Proposed Amendment to Section 141-22 and Section 141-23 of the Town Code**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Councilor Alexander has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 1 of 2024 entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-22 and 141-23 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”).

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Chapter 141 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles (“Code”), entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” to specify the procedures for removing and storing illegally parked or abandoned vehicles, in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of SEQRA and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), and Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, with respect to this proposed amendment to the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution dated January 27, 2025, the Town Board declared the Proposed Local Law to be a Type II action pursuant to SEQR involving the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” as set forth in Section 617.5(c)(33) of the Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing on January 27, 2025 to obtain input from the community with respect to the Proposed Local Law;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to designate and authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into contracts with qualified towing companies for the removal and storage of illegally parked or abandoned vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it be designated Local Law No. 1 of 2024;

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney to take such other steps as may be necessary to carry out this resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board directs the Town Clerk to file the Proposed Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27.



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

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: January 27, 2025

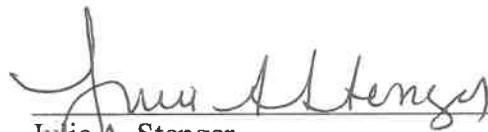
### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Skaneateles, New York on January 27, 2025 the foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Alexander and seconded by Councilor Tucker, a quorum of five members of the five-member Board being present, and each voted on the Resolution as follows:

Supervisor Legg	Aye
Councilor Alexander	Aye
Councilor Tucker	Aye
Councilor Dove	Aye
Councilor Milne	Aye

The Resolution was, therefore, duly adopted.

Dated: January 27, 2025

  
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Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk