

Town Board Meeting

October 21, 2024

5:15 p.m.

Zoom: Meeting Id: 890 6568 0753 Passcode: 200480

Present: Supervisor Legg, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Dove, Councilor Milne, Attorney Tremain.

Present via Zoom: Councilor Alexander.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Attorney Advice at 5:15 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 6:15 p.m.

Also, Present (In Person): Tim Dobrovosky, John Menapace, Beverly Feeney, Keri Fey.

Also, Present (via Zoom): Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Brian Buff, Chris Buff, Sue Murphy, Paula Powell.

Veterans Outreach Report – Sheri Dove: Supervisor Legg introduced Sheri Dove, Town of Skaneateles Veterans Outreach Coordinator.

Sheri Dove reported to the Board that she had been working with Veterans in the Town of Skaneateles. She has assisted Veterans and their spouses with death benefits and funeral arrangements and is working to supply medical equipment to Veterans in need.

Ms. Dove stated she had been collaborating with Onondaga and Cayuga County Veterans Service Coordinators. She stated she had been connecting Veterans with the Vet Center in Syracuse. The Vet Center offers counseling services for all Vets with no financial requirements.

Ms. Dove reported on Operation Christmas Hope. This will be their 10th year. They would be helping 35 local families provide Christmas for their families. They are also working with the Homeless Veterans' residential center in Syracuse to help with Christmas. They will be providing new bedding, towels, and a Christmas meal.

Ms. Dove stated her community outreach has stalled and she would like to create a trifold pamphlet or brochure that she can post on the Town website and have available at different locations around the Village and Town to get the word out as to what services she can offer and what services and programs are out there for our Veterans.

Supervisor Legg stated this informational pamphlet is a great idea. She could also connect with the Town's Outreach Coordinator, Jacque McConaughy, to reach the Veterans in our community. He also offered to set up a table at the Transfer Station to get the information out to residents and to have an article in the Town newsletter.

The Board thanked Sheri Dove for her work.

Minutes of October 1, 2024 and October 7, 2024: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of October 1, 2024 and October 7, 2024, were accepted as presented.

Abstract #24-17: On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

General:	\$137,968.37	Highway:	\$ 5,884.87
HWY PT:	\$ 1,716.75	Part Town:	\$ 4,691.28
Water:	\$ 17,888.81	T&A	\$ 3,118.94
Sewer:	\$ 1,956.59	Skan Fire District	\$ 11,900.00

Total: **\$183,214.04**

Austin Park Project – King & King Architects Design Phase I: Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of a proposal from King & King Architects, Anchor QEA, Space Architectural, and Whalen and Curry for the design work on Phase I of the Austin Arena. In addition to the architectural design would be for asbestos monitoring and testing. The amount for the professional design service is \$73,000 and the asbestos testing and monitoring is \$8,500.

On a motion of Councilor Milne seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized Supervisor Legg to sign the proposal from King & King Architects Design of Phase I for the Austin Arena not to exceed \$73,000 for design and \$8,500 for asbestos monitoring.

25-Megawatt Wind Projects: Supervisor Legg stated the Board passed a resolution at the last Town Board meeting in support of the opposition of a large wind energy project, Maple Harvest, consisting of 24 to 27 industrial wind turbines and associated infrastructure, which is being considered in the Towns of LaFayette, Otisco and Tully. The windmills would be constructed on top of land ridges at least 12 to 16 feet high.

Supervisor Legg displayed the size of the windmills that would be installed in these types of wind farms. These turbines would produce 6.1 megawatts of energy and are 680 feet in height at the tip of the windmill rotating arm.

He stated it had come to his attention that there are venture capitalists making inquiries in the Towns of Skaneateles and Spafford for a similar type of wind farm.

Supervisor Legg stated he is in support of the opposition of Otisco, Lafayette and Tully of the Maple Harvest Project. Farms 25 megawatts and larger are permitted and regulated by New York State. Maple Harvest is in the planning phase, they are going out to find property owners to lease the land.

Supervisor Legg wanted people to be aware of these projects and the possibilities of these large wind turbines being installed in and around Skaneateles and Skaneateles Lake. The Town Zoning Code specifically stated solar farms should not affect the viewshed of the lake and we should be aware of wind farms as well.

Supervisor Legg stated he wanted the Board and the public to be aware of the size and the possible impact of these wind energy farms.

Councilor Tucker stated there are proposals for the Town of Marcellus as well.

The Board agreed to keep informed about these large, proposed wind farms and restated their support of the resolution in opposition of these large wind turbine farms.

Reassessment Public Information Meeting – November 21, 2024 at 6:30p.m.: Supervisor Legg stated they are trying to get out the word on the Townwide Reassessment project. Councilor Dove had done a great job writing up the timeline and an article for the newsletter to help property owners understand the process. Representatives from the New York State Real Property Tax Department have offered to come to the Town of Skaneateles and help with the education process. The Town Board agreed to schedule a public information meeting with the Town Board and representatives from New York State on November 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held here at the Town Hall and on Zoom.

On a motion of Councilor Milne seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board scheduled a Public Information meeting regarding the Townwide Reassessment Project on November 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Skaneateles Town Hall and on Zoom.

Street Light Purchase – County Line Road: Supervisor Legg reported that when the Town purchased the streetlights from National Grid, with funding from NYSERDA and a grant, a few years ago there were three streetlights that were not part of the transfer. These lights are on County Line Road, between Stump and Irish Roads. When the Town purchased these, they were changed to LED and have worked well and have saved the Town money.

Town Engineer Robinson had been in communication with National Grid to purchase the missing lights. The cost was estimated to be about \$10,000 and then the leasing of the utility poles.

On a motion of Councilor Dove seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the purchase of three streetlights on County Line Road and to enter into a lease agreement for the utility poles.

Transfer Station Recyclable Glass Update- TOMRA Collection Solutions: Supervisor Legg reported that Councilor Tucker, Brian Buff, and himself met with representatives from TOMRA Collection Solutions regarding the collection of glass at the Transfer Station. He explained that currently it is costing the Town \$200 per ton to dispose of single stream recycling. The Town currently separates and receives payment for corrugated cardboard and tin cans. TOMRA would

pick up bulk sorted glass via dump trailer from the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station would load the glass on site and there would be 23 tons minimum per load. A truckload would be one color of glass (clear, green, or amber). Glass would need to be clear of any ceramic material, dishes/pyrex, or windowpane glass. Only food grade glass is able to be recycled in this system. TOMRA can pick up this material at no cost to the Town.

The Board agreed this would be a cost savings to the Town and agreed to sign an agreement with TOMRA Collection Solutions

On a motion of Councilor Milne seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized Supervisor Legg to sign the agreement with TOMRA, Collection Solution for glass recycling as presented.

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing Introductory Local Law C of 2024 “A Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles with Respect to the Parking of Vehicles on Town Roads ”- No Parking on Mill Road:

On a motion of Councilor Milne seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Public Hearing for proposed Introductory Local Law C of 2024 “A Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles with Respect to the Parking of Vehicles on Town Roads ”- No Parking on Mill Road was opened.

Attorney Tremain reviewed the proposed Local Law.

John Menapace, 4022 Mill Road: Mr. Menapace asked what precipitated this Local Law and why only on Mill Road?

Supervisor Legg stated it is the same reason the original “No Parking” was established on part of Mill Road. The travel lanes are only travel lanes, there is little or no shoulder for parking on the portion of Mill Road that is described in the Local Law. The Board thought the original Local Law would be sufficient but now it has come to the Board’s attention vehicles were parking on the grass further South on Mill Road and the no parking needed to be extended. This is a sight distance and safety issue.

Mr. Menapace asked about the paved parking area at the trail head of the Nature Trail. He stated people park on the grassy area that use the nature trail not just his business.

He asked the Board for some relief if there is an event at the Brewery that causes parking in these areas. He asked if he could make a gravel walkway from the trail head to the Brewery? He stated how is he responsible for the parking, how can he regulate if people are parking for his business, the Brewery, or the Nature Trail. This should not be his responsibility.

Supervisor Legg stated they do recognize that Mr. Menapace does not have accountability for cars parked on Town property. The enforcement of this local Law would be the Town’s responsibility.

Mr. Menapace requested to use the parking at the trail head of the Town's Nature Trail for overflow parking.

Councilor Alexander stated Town property is not to be used as extension of a business property. It is the business owner's responsibility to provide parking for their business. The Planning Board had requested Mr. Menapace provide parking only on his property, not on the road, for his business as a requirement of the approval of his Special Permit.

Mr. Menapace stated he had requested a meeting with the Board to discuss parking.

Councilor Alexander stated part of the problem is Mr. Menapace plans to expand his business and he does not have sufficient parking for his current business. This was the concern of the Planning Board and the neighbors.

Supervisor Legg stated the Planning Board stated the owner of the property is responsible for providing sufficient parking for the operation of their business. He stated the Planning Board had seen that Mr. Menapace had a plan for offsite satellite parking. This was presented as mitigation for the expansion.

Mr. Menapace stated he is just trying to find a solution for the parking.

Councilor Alexander stated Mr. Menapace had to solve his parking problem, not the Town or the taxpayers of Skaneateles.

Bev Feeney, 3999 Mill Road: Ms. Feeney stated she is a neighbor of Mr. Menapace's business, and she has to put up with the parking. It is not right that the Town would allow business parking on the road or on Town property. The Brewery patrons park on the road and in her yard. She stated Mr. Menapace had stated to her that he was allowed to park on the road because no one had ever stopped him.

Mill Road is a dangerous road with the curve and the lighting. The Town should not allow a business to use Town Parking for their business. It is bad enough with noise and now the traffic and parking.

Supervisor Legg stated the Town is not in the business of providing parking for any business.

Chris Buff, Sheldon Road: Chris Buff stated safety is an issue on Mill Road. Both ends of the Nature Trail are used for parking. There would be cars parked at the trail heads and no one would be on the trail. The Sinclair has no parking on the Railroad Street extension, since they are a business, and it should be the same on Mill Road for the businesses there.

On a motion of Councilor Dove seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Public Hearing for proposed Introductory Local Law C of 2024 "A Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles with Respect to the Parking of Vehicles on Town Roads"- No Parking on Mill Road was closed.

Attorney Tremain reviewed the resolution presented to the Board. The Board approved the following:

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

Adopting Proposed Amendment to Section 141-33 of the Town Code

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Dove has introduced for consideration Local Law No. 3 of 2024 entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 141-33 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 additional locations at which the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is prohibited, 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, and Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, with respect to this proposed amendment to the Code; and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated October 7, 2024, the Town Board declared the Proposed Local Law to be a Type II action pursuant to SEQR, namely Section (22) “installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads and highways”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing on October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to obtain input from the community with respect to the Proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it be designated Local Law No. 3 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 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 Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Abstain(Video Conference Law)
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Reserve Fund Transfer - Parks General Recreation Reserve Fund not to exceed \$75,000: On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Clerk was instructed to advertise to transfer \$75,000 from the General Recreation Reserve Fund for a Ford F450 Dump Truck subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law.

Declare Parks 2014 Ford F-150 as Surplus: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board declared the Parks 2014 Ford F-150 Truck surplus.

Lighting Committee Update: Supervisor Legg reviewed the Lighting Committee notes as presented to the Board. * Committee report attached.

The Lighting Committee recommended to the Town Board that no revisions to 148-9 were required at this time. There should be more explicit questions asked when sign permits are submitted, and how measuring the intensity of lighting can be accomplished with the Codes Officer. The Board could consider the purchase of a calibrated light meter for the Town Codes Officer.

Councilor Alexander stated the Town Codes Enforcement Officer does not think there is an issue with lighting in the Town of Skaneateles, since there have been less than 5 complaints in the last 5 years. And all these issues were addressed and corrected by the property owners. Councilor Alexander reviewed the report submitted by the Lighting Committee.

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Patty White – Resignation: Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of a letter of resignation from part-time Bookkeeper, Patty White.

On a motion of Councilor Dove seconded by Councilor Milne, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the resignation of Patty White was accepted as presented.

The Board agreed to post and advertise for the part-time Bookkeeper to the Supervisor vacant position.

Association of Town's Annual Conference 2025: Supervisor Legg explained the early registration was open for the 2025 Association of Town's annual conference. He requested to have the Board's approval for 2 Board members to attend.

On a motion of Councilor Dove seconded by Councilor Milne, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the registration and payment at the early registration rate for 2 Board members to attend the 2025 Annual Conference in February 2025.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

-Full Time Highway Department Open Position: Supervisor Legg announced there is a full-time position open in the Highway Department.

-Board of Assessment Review Position: Supervisor Legg announced there is an opening on the Board of Assessment Review. Interested residents should contact the Town Clerk.

-2025 Town of Skaneateles Budget Public Hearing November 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

-General election early voting starts Oct 26, information at Onondaga County Board of Elections: Supervisor Legg announced early voting would start in Onondaga County on October 26th. The list of polling places and hours of operation would be posted on the Town website.

-Weather permitting, the Swap Shop will continue Saturdays to end the season on October 26th

-Tap Root Family LLC, Notification of Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License Application: Supervisor Legg announced the Town was in receipt of the "Notification of an Adult Use Retail Dispensary License Application" from Tap Root. This was file due to their change in location./

-Town Department Hours November – December

November 11, 2024 Town Departments Closed – Veterans Day

November 28th & 29th Town Departments Closed – Thanksgiving (Transfer Station open November 29th)

December 24th

Christmas Eve – Floating Holiday

December 25th


Town Departments Closed – Christmas

The Town Board discussed creating and distributing a tri-fold informational pamphlet regarding the Townwide Reassessment. The Board decided to wait until after the November 21st meeting with the State.

Public Comment: No comments.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk

Notice of Public Hearing
**Proposed Local Law 2024-C “A Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles
With Respect to the Parking of Vehicles on Town Roads.”**

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 October 21, 2024 regarding Introductory Local Law C of 2024 “A Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles with Respect to the Parking of Vehicles on Town Roads”, regarding no parking on Mill Road. Heading north on Mill Road starting at Old Seneca Turnpike ending at 1,525 feet. Beginning again at 1,750 feet, ending at 2,200 feet from Old Seneca Turnpike.

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.

Said Hearing will be held on **Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the Skaneateles Town Hall, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152 or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89065680753>, Meeting ID: 890 6568 0753 Passcode: 200480 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.

Dated: Skaneateles, New York
October 7, 2024

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

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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 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 Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Abstain(Video Conference Law)
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye

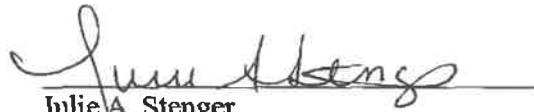
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: October 21, 2024

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Skaneateles, New York on October 21, 2024 the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Legg	Aye	
Councilor Alexander	Abstain (Video Conference Law)	
Councilor Tucker	Aye	
Councilor Dove	Aye	
Councilor Milne	Aye	Carried 4-0


Julie A. Stenger
Skaneateles Town Clerk

Town of Skaneateles
Local Law 3 of the Year 2024
A Local Law Amending
Chapter 141 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles

Section 1. 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 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Section 141-33 of Chapter 141 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles (the "Code"), entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," to specify additional locations at which the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is prohibited, in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 3. Amendments to Code

Section 141-33 of the Code is amended as follows:

Mill Road	Both	Heading north on Mill Road starting at 1,350 feet from Old Seneca Turnpike ending at 1,525 feet. Beginning again at 1,750 feet, ending at 2,200 feet from Old Seneca Turnpike
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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 Zoning 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.