

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on November 14, 2024, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Supervisor's Announcements:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked everyone who voted. He said he started the month with a meeting with the DEC and the Town Engineer and Town Attorney. This was to discuss the former IBM East Complex, iPark. There are still a few empty parcels that can be developed. The Town needs to be sure that any on-site contaminants do not spread to other areas and that the DEC has a plan to move forward. It was a great conversation.

The Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association had a meeting with the County Executive several weeks ago regarding the dry conditions and wildfire issues. New York State has implemented a statewide burn ban that is in effect until November 30. He urged everyone to be careful due to the severe drought conditions. There will also be a water conservation alert going out this week as well. He thanked the Fire District and Chiefs for all of their hard work as well. There was a meeting with the Recreation Department. They had a beautiful Halloween party at Mill Creek Caterers, and everyone had a great time. He thanked the Recreation Department for the great time.

There was a County Executive presentation of the Dutchess County 2025 budget proposal. The County will be below the property tax. There have been some substantial cuts to the budget, and they will be utilizing a large amount of their fund balance as well. Supervisor D'Alessandro will be asking Legislator Caswell to come and give an overview of this budget with the Town at the next meeting.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended several Veterans Day events. He attended the American Legion Manny Beacon Post ceremony at John Jay High School. They do one for Veterans Day and one for Memorial Day every year and they are both great events. They try to promote awareness of the Veterans community with the youth community. He thanked everyone involved in this event. He also went to the Dutchess County Veterans Day ceremony in Poughkeepsie. The guest speaker was the New York State Lieutenant Governor. This was a very well attended event as well. He thanked all of the veterans for their service.

There was a meeting with the grant directors regarding moving forward on several new grants. These are for recreation grants as well as some for electric vehicle charging stations. There are many incentives and funds available for these things. They continue to look for infrastructure grants for the water and sewer districts as

well. There is a lot of work involved in grant submittals and he thanked everyone involved.

He and the Town Board attended a groundbreaking event for the new flagpole located in Hopewell Hamlet by the entrance of the Acme Plaza. This event was headed up by the Rotary and it will be an 80-foot flagpole. This will be a great addition to the Town.

There was a record turnout in East Fishkill for Election Day. It was almost a 70% turnout. He believes it was the largest turnout in Dutchess County and he thanked everyone for turning out to vote. He congratulated all of the newly and re-elected officials.

Supervisor D'Alessandro received a letter back from the Public Service Commission thanking him for the letter sent in regard to Central Hudson's rate and rules change. The Town has expressed their opposition to this and requested they delay their changes until the economy gets better.

He thanked the Building Department for all of their work during their new program rollout. Things can be done online with this new program and it should make things much easier.

Next week Supervisor D'Alessandro will be meeting with East Fishkill's historian and members of the East Fishkill Historical Society. Next month's Town Board meeting will be held at the Brinckerhoff house site. This will be advertised for the public as well. The volunteers do a tremendous job there and he urged the public to go and see the site. It is beautiful, especially during the holidays.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor D'Alessandro asked the Town Clerk to call the rolls.

Board Members in attendance were:

Craig	Emmanuel	Tom	Marianne	Nicholas
Arco	Marinero	Franco	Flores	D'Alessandro

Also, in attendance were:

Scott Bryant, Engineer; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; Mark Pozniak, Comptroller; and Matthew Chan, Animal Control Officer.

**Approve Minutes:**

October 24, 2024, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the October 24, 2024, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Hearings:**

1. Open Public Hearing with respect to Farmview Drainage District

a. Open Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing with respect to Farmview Drainage District: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro explained they are proposing a Drainage District be put in place at the Farmview Estates.

Engineer Bryant stated this is a new town subdivision off of Route 82 by Phillips Farm. The intent of this district is for continued maintenance of the stormwater improvements and infiltration basins that have been installed as part of this project. They have done an estimate for annual expense at approximately \$2800 per year. There are 10 homes at this location so it would be \$280 per home. Engineer Bryant stated the other part of the maintenance that goes with this is the fence that goes around the ponds. This will include repair on them over time as well.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the cost of this Drainage District will be solely borne by the residents who live in that development.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was any questions or comments from Board members and there were none.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone else to speak for or against this. There was no one.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that all of these districts are so that the Town can perform maintenance for anything that is needed and the charge back just to those residents in those districts. If these districts are not created the Town is not able to come in and do the appropriate repairs. There are many developments in the Town that have come forward asking for creation of districts so repairs can be done.

b. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing with respect to Farmview Drainage District: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c. Adopt Negative Declaration and Local Law

Date: November 14, 2024

NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance



REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:

(See 617.7(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for conditioned Negative Declaration)

The proposed action would result in the creation of the Farmview Drainage District. The new district will consist of all 10 properties within Farmview Estates subdivision located between Clove Branch Road and Creamery Road on the north side of State Route 82. All of the properties within the district are benefitted by the improvements and all of the benefitted properties would be within the district. The proposed action would not result in any significant adverse impacts for the following reasons:

1. It will not result in any significant fiscal impacts.
2. It will not generate a significant number of additional vehicles, noise or emission levels.
3. It will not affect rare or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat of such species.
4. It will not result in any impacts to historic or archeological resources.
5. It will not result in any impacts related to hazardous materials.
6. It will not result in a significant effect on air, water quality or ambient noise levels for adjoining areas.
7. It will not be subjected to unacceptable risk of flooding or major geological hazards.
8. It will not have a substantial aesthetic affect.
9. It will not involve adversely affect any surface water or groundwater.
10. It will not allow for improper uses within specified zoning districts.
11. It will not result in adverse cumulative impacts.
12. It will not result in adverse growth-inducing impacts.
13. It will not conflict with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

In conclusion, no significant potential impacts were identified as a result of the Proposed Action.

Based on a review of 6NYCRR 617.7, there appear to be no significant adverse environmental impacts.

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed.

THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS AUTHORIZED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024.

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Chairperson/Designee

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Date

For Type I Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a Copy of this Notice Sent to:

- Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-0001
- Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located.
- Applicant (if any)
- Other involved agencies (if any)

**RESOLUTION**

ORDER ESTABLISHING  
FARMVIEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

A MEETING was conducted by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY at which time the following were present:

NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO

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Supervisor

THOMAS FRANCO

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Deputy Supervisor

EMANUELE MARINARO

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Councilperson

CRAIG ARCO

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Councilperson

MARIANNE FLORES

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Councilperson

WHEREAS, an application, and as required by the Subdivision Approval, was made to Form the Farmview Drainage District, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on its own motion determined to form a district with the boundaries as set forth in Schedule “A” attached, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on October 24, 2024 adopted an Order Calling a Public Hearing on the establishment of the above district; and

WHEREAS, copies of said order were duly published and posted according to law, and said Town Board did, at the time and place specified in said order, duly meet and consider such proposal and heard all persons interested in the subject thereof, who appeared at such time and place, concerning the same; and

WHEREAS, a Map, Plan and Report prepared by Scott Bryant Town Engineer, a duly licensed professional engineer in New York State which is in the record; and

WHEREAS, the evidence offered at such time and place requires that the Town Board make the determination hereinafter made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board, in the County of Dutchess, that it be and hereby is determined as follows:

- (1) The notice of hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient, and
- (2) That all of the property and property owners, within the proposed Drainage District are benefited thereby, and
- (3) That all of the property and property owners benefited are included within the proposed Drainage District, and
- (4) It is in the public interest to establish the proposed Drainage District as hereinafter described, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the establishment of a District as hereinafter described to be known as Farmview Drainage District, Town of East Fishkill, the boundaries of which are described in Schedule “A” annexed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no improvements are being made as the Drainage facilities were constructed by the developer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a 30-day permissive referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution, in duplicate in the office of the State Department of Audit and Control, at Albany, New York.

Voting As Follows:

<u>COUNCILPERSON THOMAS FRANCO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO</u>	VOTING	AYE

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL,  
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Peter J. Cassidy  
Town Clerk

Dated: East Fishkill, New York,  
November 14, 2024

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and Local Law: Board Member Franco.  
Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Open Public Hearing with respect to Route 52 Commercial Sidewalk District
  - a. Open Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing with respect to the Route 52 Commercial Sidewalk District: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Engineer Bryant stated over last few years they have expanded upon the sidewalk network around Route 52 by John Jay and the industrial area. In addition to the sidewalk that was previously installed and the sidewalk installed during the development of the West Campus, there is a \$1.5 million grant to complete that



sidewalk network. They hope to start that project next year as it is in the design phase right now. They will be able to discuss that in the next few workshops. The purpose of this district is to provide the annual maintenance, which is primarily snow and ice, as well as any other necessary repairs to maintain the sidewalks. A lot of John Jay students walk that corridor and up until recently have not have much by way of sidewalks. Project by project, they have been adding on to the sidewalks and this will hopefully complete that network. Engineer Bryant did state that the John Jay student drop-off is not part of this sidewalk district. John Jay maintains that area themselves. Engineer Bryant stated this is based on your assessment for the costs.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it is hard to get contractors to come in and bid on sidewalk maintenance. Sometimes it is not beneficial initially as there is not enough snowfall to make it worthwhile. He stated only the people in this district will bear the costs for this. He does not believe there any residential parcels in this district.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if any Board members had any questions or comments. There were none.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone from the public to speak for or against this proposed local law. There was no one.

b. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing with respect to the Route 52 Commercial Sidewalk District: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c. Adopt Negative Declaration and Local Law

NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

Date: November 14, 2024

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulation pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of East Fishkill Town Board has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:**                      **Creation of the Route 52 Commercial Sidewalk District**



district will provide winter maintenance and routine repairs. All costs associated with the district will be borne solely by the district. The proposed action would not result in any significant adverse impacts for the following reasons:

- 14. It will not result in any significant fiscal impacts.
- 15. It will not generate a significant number of additional vehicles, noise or emission levels.
- 16. It will not affect rare or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat of such species.
- 17. It will not result in any impacts to historic or archeological resources.
- 18. It will not result in any impacts related to hazardous materials.
- 19. It will not result in a significant effect on air, water quality or ambient noise levels for adjoining areas.
- 20. It will not be subjected to unacceptable risk of flooding or major geological hazards.
- 21. It will not have a substantial aesthetic affect.
- 22. It will not involve adversely affect any surface water or groundwater.
- 23. It will not allow for improper uses within specified zoning districts.
- 24. It will not result in adverse cumulative impacts.
- 25. It will not result in adverse growth-inducing impacts.
- 26. It will not conflict with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

In conclusion, no significant potential impacts were identified as a result of the Proposed Action.

Based on a review of 6NYCRR 617.7, there appear to be no significant adverse environmental impacts.

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed.

THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS AUTHORIZED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024.

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Chairperson/Designee

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Date

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- Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-0001
  - Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation.
  - Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located.
  - Applicant (if any)
  - Other involved agencies (if any)

**RESOLUTION**

**ORDER ESTABLISHING  
ROUTE 52 COMMERCIAL SIDEWALK  
DISTRICT**

A MEETING was conducted by the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY at which time the following were present:

NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO

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Supervisor

THOMAS FRANCO

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Deputy Supervisor

EMANUELE MARINARO

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Councilperson

CRAIG ARCO

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Councilperson

MARIANNE FLORES

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Councilperson

WHEREAS, the Town Board on its own motion proposed creation of the Route 52 Commercial Sidewalk District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on its own motion determined to form a district with the boundaries set forth in Scheduled “A” attached; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on October 24, 2024 adopted an Order Calling a Public Hearing on the establishment of the above district; and

WHEREAS, copies of said order were duly published and posted according to law, and said Town Board did, at the time and place specified in said order, duly meet and consider such proposal and heard all persons interested in the subject thereof, who appeared at such time and place, concerning the same; and

WHEREAS, a Map, Plan and Report prepared by Scott Bryant Town Engineer, a duly licensed professional engineer in New York State which is in the record; and

WHEREAS, the evidence offered at such time and place requires that the Town Board make the determination hereinafter made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board, in the County of Dutchess, that it be and hereby is determined as follows:

- (1) The notice of hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient, and
  - (2) That all of the property and property owners, within the proposed Sidewalk District are benefited thereby, and
  - (3) That all of the property and property owners benefited are included within the proposed Route 52 Commercial Sidewalk District, and
  - (4) It is in the public interest to establish the proposed Sidewalk District as hereinafter described, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the establishment of a Sidewalk District as hereinafter described to be known as Route 52 Commercial Sidewalk District, Town of East Fishkill, described in Schedule “A” annexed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no improvements are being made as the Sidewalks are in place without cost, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a 30-day permissive referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution, in duplicate in the office of the State Department of Audit and Control, at Albany, New York.

Voting As Follows:

<u>COUNCILPERSON THOMAS FRANCO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES</u>	VOTING	AYE

SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO

VOTING

AYE

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL,  
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Peter J. Cassidy  
Town Clerk

Dated: East Fishkill, New York,  
November 14, 2024

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and Local Law: Board Member Arco.  
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Open Public Hearing with respect to Route 52 Commercial Lighting District

a. Open Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing with respect to the Route 52 Commercial  
Lighting District: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All  
voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated this is exactly the same as the sidewalk district.  
Engineer Bryant stated this needed to be separated out. It covers the lighting that  
is associated with the sidewalks. There are a lot of lights there now, but they will  
be adding more lights as part of the sidewalk project. It does not cover the lighting  
at the school drop off as that is borne by the school district. Additionally there is a  
traffic signal at the intersection of South Drive and Lime Kiln Road that is currently  
under the ownership of iPark. This has been accepted as a Town road and is  
used by many of the businesses back there and is no longer a private road. This  
will take over the maintenance of that traffic signal and any required repairs.  
Supervisor D'Alessandro asked about lighting at the roundabout and Engineer  
Bryant stated it is functional. They will get it repaired. This will be included in this  
district.

Supervisor D’Alessandro asked if any Board members had any questions or comments.

Board Member Marinaro asked if the maintenance for the lights was going to be taking care of by the Town and Engineer Bryant stated they will have a vendor contract to respond to calls if there is an outage or damage. It will also cover the electrical costs and regular maintenance.

Supervisor D’Alessandro asked if there was anyone from the public to speak for or against this proposed local law. There was no one.

b. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing with respect to the Route 52 Commercial Lighting District: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c. Adopt Negative Declaration and Local Law

NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

Date: November 14, 2024

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulation pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of East Fishkill Town Board has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:**                    **Creation of the Route 52 Commercial Lighting District**

**Description of Action:**

The proposed action would result in the creation of the Route 52 Commercial Lighting District. The new district will extend along Route 52 from John Jay High School to East Fishkill Corporate Park and the traffic signal at South Drive and I-Park Boulevard. The proposed district will provide maintenance and routine repairs. All costs, including electrical charges associated with this district will be borne solely by the district.

SEQR Status:            Type I    \_\_\_\_ Conditioned Negative Declaration? \_\_\_\_ Yes

No Unlisted   x     X  

Location of Action: Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess

The following documentation was analyzed in making this negative declaration:

- X   Short Form EAF
- Supplemental Part III Information
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- Other (Describe)

Name of Action: **Route 52 Commercial Lighting District**

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Peter J. Cassidy, Town Clerk  
Town Hall, 330 Route 376  
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533  
(845) 221-4303

**REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:**

(See 617.7(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for conditioned Negative Declaration)

The proposed action would result in the creation of the Route 52 Commercial Lighting District. The new district will extend along Route 52 from John Jay High School to East Fishkill Corporate Park and the traffic signal at South Drive and I-Park Boulevard. The proposed district will provide maintenance and routine repairs. All costs, including electrical charges associated with this district will be borne solely by the district. The proposed action would not result in any significant adverse impacts for the following reasons:

- 27. It will not result in any significant fiscal impacts.
- 28. It will not generate a significant number of additional vehicles, noise or emission levels.
- 29. It will not affect rare or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat of such species.
- 30. It will not result in any impacts to historic or archeological resources.



- 31. It will not result in any impacts related to hazardous materials.
- 32. It will not result in a significant effect on air, water quality or ambient noise levels for adjoining areas.
- 33. It will not be subjected to unacceptable risk of flooding or major geological hazards.
- 34. It will not have a substantial aesthetic affect.
- 35. It will not involve adversely affect any surface water or groundwater.
- 36. It will not allow for improper uses within specified zoning districts.
- 37. It will not result in adverse cumulative impacts.
- 38. It will not result in adverse growth-inducing impacts.
- 39. It will not conflict with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

In conclusion, no significant potential impacts were identified as a result of the Proposed Action.

Based on a review of 6NYCRR 617.7, there appear to be no significant adverse environmental impacts.

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed.

THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS AUTHORIZED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024.

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Chairperson/Designee

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Date

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- Applicant (if any)
- Other involved agencies (if any)

**RESOLUTION**

ORDER ESTABLISHING  
ROUTE 52 COMMERCIAL LIGHTING  
DISTRICT

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NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO

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Supervisor

THOMAS FRANCO

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Deputy Supervisor

EMANUELE MARINARO

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Councilperson

CRAIG ARCO

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Councilperson

MARIANNE FLORES

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Councilperson

WHEREAS, the Town Board on its own motion has determined that a District for Street Lighting and Traffic Signals is appropriate, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on its own motion determined to form a district with the boundaries as set forth in Schedule “A” attached, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on October 24, 2024 adopted an Order Calling a Public Hearing on the establishment of the above district; and

WHEREAS, copies of said order were duly published and posted according to law, and said Town Board did, at the time and place specified in said order, duly meet and consider such proposal and heard all persons interested in the subject thereof, who appeared at such time and place, concerning the same; and

WHEREAS, a Map, Plan and Report prepared by Scott Bryant Town Engineer, a duly licensed professional engineer in New York State which is in the record; and

WHEREAS, the evidence offered at such time and place requires that the Town Board make the determination hereinafter made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board, in the County of Dutchess, that it be and hereby is determined as follows:

- (1) The notice of hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient, and
- (2) That all of the property and property owners, within the proposed Lighting District are benefited thereby, and
- (3) That all of the property and property owners benefited are included within the proposed Lighting District, and
- (4) It is in the public interest to establish the proposed Drainage District as hereinafter described, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the establishment of a District as hereinafter described to be known as the Route 52 Commercial Lighting District, Town of East Fishkill, the boundaries of which are described in Schedule “A” annexed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no improvements are being made as the Lighting system that exists is privately operated and will be turned over to the Town, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a 30-day permissive referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution, in duplicate in the office of the State Department of Audit and Control, at Albany, New York.

Voting As Follows:

<u>COUNCILPERSON THOMAS FRANCO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON EMANUELE MARINARO</u>	VOTING	AYE

<u>COUNCILPERSON CRAIG ARCO</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>COUNCILPERSON MARIANNE FLORES</u>	VOTING	AYE
<u>SUPERVISOR NICHOLAS D’ALESSANDRO</u>	VOTING	AYE

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL,  
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW

YORK

Peter J. Cassidy  
Town Clerk

Dated: East Fishkill, New York,  
November 14, 2024

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and Local Law: Board Member Arco.  
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Open Public Hearing with respect to proposed Amendments to Chapter 63  
“Animals” of the Town Code

a. Open Public Hearing

Motion to open the Public Hearing with respect to the proposed amendments to  
Chapter 63 “Animals” of the Town Code: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board  
Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated over the last few years there have been several  
incidents with animals in town having some issues. This is to make sure that the

Town Board supports responsible animal ownership. This law seeks to ensure that there are proper safeguards put in place to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the entire community. A lot of issues have come up recently that have resulted in having to go to court with animal owners. This local law will identify how the Town can present different fines and to make sure they have a proper procedure in place to collect those fines. This will ensure that the public is not footing the bill for someone else's dog. There are a few other things that were discussed with the Board such as ensuring that someone's dog is on a leash in the town park, make sure that if you are not a resident using the town park with your dog, that you are with a residence. It is also to make sure there are licensing requirement fees. There is also an amendment to make sure there is a proper procedure for the seizure of dogs. This has been discussed with the Chief of Police. Chief Cuccia stated that dog ownership in this Town is much greater than in any other town in Dutchess County. Most people believe that the SPCA was in charge of taking care of dog and animal issues. Unfortunately, that is not the case. That puts a heavy burden on this municipality to pick up fines or housing of the dogs or pick up the medical bills. It is not fair for the residents who are paying taxes to foot this bill. Matt Chan, the Animal Control Officer, stated that when he started this job in 2015, there was a much lower population of dogs. Once every few weeks they might be bringing a dog up to the SPCA. Now he can be there 4 to 5 times a week and it is not just dogs at large. There are a lot more dangerous dogs in this area than in most areas. There has been a huge influx of that type of population. It tends to be the same owners coming up with issues and fines over and over. What is in place now is not mitigating the issues. The SPCA has gotten away from animal control and it has fallen on to the municipalities to pick that up. People are finding dogs that they bring to the station, and they are not sure if they are just being dumped here. They are seeing a lot of issues they were not seeing 10 years ago. Chief Cuccia stated that East Fishkill fines have been the lowest in the County. This is a much-needed adjustment. Mr. Chan stated there are issues with dogs coming in and they cannot locate their owners. It tends to be a lot of the same dogs and owners over and over.

Board Member Marinaro asked how renters would have to pay these fines. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated it falls on the property owner. That is why a lot of times landlords do not allow animals. Board Member Marinaro asked if the loose dogs were intentionally let go by the owners. Mr. Chan stated sometimes people are finding dogs and bringing them to the police station. They have discussed creating an affidavit, so people have to swear the doggy drop off is not theirs. Chief Cuccia stated before any dog is released to someone, they have to have proof of license and rabies shots. Those are additional costs. Being very close to the TSP and 84 they do believe there are people who drop off their dogs there. Board Member Marinaro asked how long the dogs are allowed to stay at Dutchess County SPCA. Chief Cuccia stated it is usually five days. There are very strict guidelines they have to follow from New York State regarding any dog that is found or brought to the police station. Mr. Chen stated even if they find the dog and then find the owner, they are not legally allowed to release the dog without proof of license and current rabies vaccination. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated

with some repeat offenders it comes down to the fact that they just should not be dog owners. Sometimes the condition the animals are maintained is not proper. It is sad. Mr. Chen stated they do assist with people who have mental issues and animals. They did have someone surrender 40 animals and mental health was able to assist with that at no fee to the town. Board Member Marinaro asked what happens if somebody does not come to claim the dog back. Mr. Chen stated once the timeline expires the legal ownership is transferred to the rescue and they have the ability to re-home or to foster that dog. Chief Cuccia stated that is the main problem that they have. If a dog is not picked up, they don't know how long the shelter will keep it before they have to do what they have to do.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if any Board members had any questions or comments. There were no additional questions.

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone from the public to speak for or against this proposed local law. There was no one.

b. Close Public Hearing

Motion to close the Public Hearing with respect to the proposed amendments to Chapter 63 “Animals” of the Town Code: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c. Adopt Negative Declaration and Local Law

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

Date: November 14, 2024

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulation pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of East Fishkill Town Board has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:**                    **Amendments to Chapter 63 (“Animals”) of the Town Code**

**Description of Action:**

The proposed action would result in revisions to Chapter 63 “Animals” of the Town Code. The revisions would result in improvements to public health and safety in regards to dog

restrictions, licensing and procedures for seizures of dogs. The revisions will also result in penalties for offenses and limits to the number of dogs per property.

SEQR Status: Type I  Conditioned Negative Declaration?  Yes

No Unlisted  X

Location of Action: Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess

The following documentation was analyzed in making this negative declaration:

Short Form EAF

Supplemental Part III Information

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Other (Describe)

Name of Action: **Amendments to Chapter 63 (“Animals”) of the Town Code**

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Peter J. Cassidy, Town Clerk  
Town Hall, 330 Route 376  
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533  
(845) 221-4303

**REASONS SUPPORTING THIS DETERMINATION:**

(See 617.7(c) for requirements of this determination; see 617.7(d) for conditioned Negative Declaration)

The proposed action would result in revisions to Chapter 63 “Animals” of the Town Code. The revisions would result in improvements to public health and safety in regards to dog restrictions, licensing and procedures for seizures of dogs. The revisions will also result in penalties for offenses and limits to the number of dogs per property. The proposed action would not result in any significant adverse impacts for the following reasons:

- 40. It will not result in any significant fiscal impacts.
- 41. It will not generate a significant number of additional vehicles, noise or emission

- levels.
42. It will not affect rare or endangered species of animal or plant, or habitat of such species.
  43. It will not result in any impacts to historic or archeological resources.
  44. It will not result in any impacts related to hazardous materials.
  45. It will not result in a significant effect on air, water quality or ambient noise levels for adjoining areas.
  46. It will not be subjected to unacceptable risk of flooding or major geological hazards.
  47. It will not have a substantial aesthetic affect.
  48. It will not involve adversely affect any surface water or groundwater.
  49. It will not allow for improper uses within specified zoning districts.
  50. It will not result in adverse cumulative impacts.
  51. It will not result in adverse growth-inducing impacts.
  52. It will not conflict with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

In conclusion, no significant potential impacts were identified as a result of the Proposed Action.

Based on a review of 6NYCRR 617.7, there appear to be no significant adverse environmental impacts.

If Conditioned Negative Declaration, provide on attachment the specific mitigation measures imposed.

THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS AUTHORIZED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024.

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Chairperson/Designee \_\_\_\_\_ Date

- For Type I Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a Copy of this Notice Sent to:
- Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-0001
  - Appropriate Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Conservation.
  - Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located.
  - Applicant (if any)
  - Other involved agencies (if any)

**Local Law No. 4 of 2024**

**(AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 63 (“ANIMALS”) OF THE TOWN CODE)**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

The Supervisor and Town Board support responsible animal ownership. This Local Law



seeks to ensure that there are proper safeguards in place to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

**Section 2. Amendments to Town Code Section 63-5: Restrictions**

There shall be a new Section 63-5(H) of the Town Code to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog in the Town to permit or allow such dog to:

H. Be at any park on Town of East Fishkill property unless such owner is a resident or is accompanying a resident of the Town of East Fishkill and the dog has a valid license.

**Section 3. Amendments to Section 63-6: Licensing Required; Fees**

1. Section 63-6(C) shall be amended to read as follows:

**Fees for licensing dogs. Licensing fees shall be set by resolution of the Town Board with such fees being reviewed by the Town Board periodically and may be changed by a resolution of the Town Board, if deemed necessary.**

**Section 4. Amendments to Section 63-7: Procedure for Seizure of Dogs**

Section 63-7(A) shall be amended to read as follows:

**A. Seizure, keeping, and disposal.**

**(1) The Dog Control Officer or any peace officer shall seize:**

**(a) Any unlicensed dog, whether on or off the owner's premises;**

**(b) Any dog not wearing a tag, and after June 15, 1985, not identified, and which is not on the owner's premises; or**

**(c) Any dog whose Defendant-Owner fails to appear for a scheduled Court Date provided that the Judge signs a written order of seizure**

**(2) Such seized dog shall be kept in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, and see that the order of the Town Justice of the Town of East Fishkill in such case is carried out.**

**Section 5. Amendments to Section 63-8: Penalties for Offenses**

Section 63-8 shall be amended to read as follows:

Any violation of this Chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$350 for a first offense, \$700 for the second offense, and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense or by imprisonment not to exceed 15 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. Any violation of this Chapter may also be filed as a civil matter.

**Section 6. Addition of New Provision Limiting the Number of Dogs per Property**

A new Section shall be added to Chapter 63 as follows:

The maximum number of dogs permitted per dwelling unit on a property shall be determined by the following table. Dogs less than six months of age shall be exempt from this limitation. Any owner with more dogs than permitted by this section shall be allowed to keep all of their current dogs if all current dogs at the property become licensed within 90 days of the date of passage of this Local Law. No owner with a total number of dogs exceeding the table in this section may replace one of the current dogs upon its death

unless the total number of dogs would be compliant with the table in this section upon the addition of the new dog.

<b>Lot Size</b>	<b>Maximum Number</b>
Lot of any size	3
At least 2 acres	4
At least 5 acres	5
10 or more acres	6 or more

**Section 7. Severability**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, 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 8. Effective date**

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

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL  
PETER CASSIDY, TOWN CLERK**

**Adopted November 14, 2024  
At a Regular Meeting  
Held at Town Hall**

Motion to adopt the Negative Declaration and Local Law: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there are a few additions to the agenda. One is to establish a committee for the Warren Farm bridge replacement project. Another is for the Recreation Department to attend a conference.

**Courtesy of the Floor:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak about any general town issues.

**Receive and File:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there was an acknowledgement of Small Business Saturday on November 30, 2024.

**Resolutions:**

**1. Approve Sidewalk Snow Removal and Ice Control Sand Bids**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL AND  
AUTHORIZING READVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SAME)**

**WHEREAS**, six bids were received for the Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal bid;  
and

**WHEREAS**, after the bids were opened NYSDOL concluded that prevailing wage  
was not required for the specific areas of work; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of East Fishkill that all  
bids submitted for the Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal on November 7, 2024 are  
hereby rejected due to the need to amend the specifications and readvertise the bid;  
and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town authorizes the advertisement for  
for Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal.

Motion to reject all bids for the sidewalk snow removal and ice control sand bids  
and readvertise: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All  
voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Authorize Change Order for Legacy**

**RESOLUTION**  
**TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL**  
**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
**HYDRANT/VALVE REPLACEMENTS CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Fishkill oversees maintenance and operations for  
the various water special districts and is seeking hydrant and valve replacements;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Town previously awarded Legacy Supply, Inc. a contract to  
perform hydrant and valve projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town completed hydrant and valve inspection and testing  
throughout the Spring and Summer of 2024 and identified additional valve and  
hydrant replacement locations needed at the Hopewell Hamlet WD, Shenandoah  
WD, Beekman WD, and the Fishkill Plains WD that need replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town can approve a contract extension through 2024 with Legacy Supply, Inc, for a third and final year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hydrant replacements total cost is \$56,343.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work is classified as a SEQR Type 2 Action; and

**WHEREAS**, the project costs are funded through the Water Districts only;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Town agrees to extend the Water & Valve Replacement term with Legacy Supply, Inc. for a third and final year; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the agreement is to be increased to add the additional \$56,343.00; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby declares and authorizes Nicholas D’Alessandro, Town Supervisor, be provided the authority to authorize a contract change order with Legacy Supply, Inc.

Motion to authorize a change order for Legacy: Board Member Flores.  
Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### 3. Approve Hiring Part Time Typists

#### **RESOLUTION** **(APPOINT TOWN HALL TEMPORARY PART-TIME TYPIST)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is in need from time to time of temporary employees commonly referred to as Floaters to assist in the clerical functions necessary to operate Town Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Laura Clark and Danielle Mangone have been interviewed and are recommended to be hired as Temporary Typists; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Laura Clark and Danielle Mangone are hereby appointed as a Temporary Part-time Typists in the Town, being paid at the hourly rate of \$16.69; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said typist shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor in accordance with all the previously established rules and regulations.

Motion to approve hiring a part-time typist: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Authorize Hiring of Interns for Winter Break**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(APPOINTING TEMPORARY SEASONAL INTERNS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is looking to hire back seasonal interns to assist in town offices; and

**WHEREAS** Daniel Alba has worked as an intern for the Town in the past; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Daniel Alba as a Temporary Part-Time Seasonal Intern. The position is to be paid \$15.00 per hour; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Internship position shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor and will be removed from the payroll upon completion of his tasks.

Motion to authorize the hiring of interns for Winter Break: Board Member Franco.  
Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Declaring Certain Property to be Surplus and Authorize Auction of Same**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE AUCTION OF SAME)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has certain property that is requested to be declared surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, said property consists of miscellaneous items such as a projector, desks, cabinet and tables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board concurs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that said property is hereby declared surplus and is to be disposed of by participating in an auction process held by Absolute Auctions & Realty without cost to the Town; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sale of the items shall be further approved by this Board.

Motion to declare certain property to be surplus and authorize auction of the same: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Authorize Emmadine Pond Access agreement**

**RESOLUTION**

**(DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE AUCTION OF SAME)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has certain property that is requested to be declared surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, said property consists of miscellaneous items such as a projector, desks, cabinet and tables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board concurs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that said property is hereby declared surplus and is to be disposed of by participating in an auction process held by Absolute Auctions & Realty without cost to the Town; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sale of the items shall be further approved by this Board.

Motion to authorize Emmadine Pond Access agreement: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Designate No Parking or Standing on Patriot Way and South Drive**

**RESOLUTION**

**(DESIGNATING NO PARKING ON PATRIOT WAY AND SOUTH DRIVE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town recently took over Patriot Way & South Drive as Town Roads, and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to regulate parking along said roads, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that there will be “No Parking/Standing” along the East side of Patriot Way at any point from Route 52 along the property of the Wappingers Central School District, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there will be “No Parking/Standing” along the West side of Patriot Way from Route 52 till the second driveway entering the Amazon Facility, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there will be No Parking/Standing on South Drive its entire length from iPark Boulevard to Patriot Way, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Highway Superintendent shall erect the appropriate signage.

Motion to Designate No Parking or Standing on Patriot Way and South Dive: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Additions to the Agenda (If any):**

**8. Establish a Committee for the Warren Farm Bridge Replacement Project**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(FILL A VACANCY IN THE WARREN FARM RD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Supervisor has received proposals from consulting civil engineering firms from the Region 8 LDSA list to assist in all phases under the BridgeNY Program with respect to replacing the Warren Farm Road Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town previously authorized the establishment of said committee; and

**WHEREAS**, a replacement of one member is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, Grant Director O'Brien has been requested to fill the vacancy; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Grant Director O'Brien to fill the vacancy on said committee. The committee will now consist of Town Engineer Bryant, Councilman Marinaro, and Grant Director O'Brien.

Motion to establish a committee for the Warren Farm Bridge Replacement Project: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Authorize Recreation Department Attendance at a Conference**

**RESOLUTION**  
**(AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TO A CONFERENCE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Director, Christine Selback, has indicated her desire to attend the 2025 New York State Recreation and Park Society Board Retreat being held in Cooperstown, New York from January 9, 2025 through January 10, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, additional expenses to the Town will be for tolls; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the Supervisor to approve said travel; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Christine Selback to attend the 2025 New York State Recreation and Park Society Board Retreat held in Cooperstown, New York to include the overnight stay and expenses for tolls and meals from January 8, 2025 through January 10, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in addition to the cost of tolls they shall be paid their normal salary during said period.

Motion to authorize the Recreation Department to attend the conference: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated on December 12 at 6 PM they have a Public Hearing on the Omnibus Amendment for the Zoning Ordinance. He wants to make sure that this is referred to the Planning Board for review. He stated they also have a receipt and file to designate Saturday, November 30, 2024 as Small Business Saturday. This was created back in the 90s to help small local businesses and have people go and shop there. It is especially important during the holiday season. A lot of the smaller businesses depend on that revenue. He encouraged everyone to go out to the local businesses that day and any other day to shop at the small local businesses.

**Budget Transfer:**

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are no budget transfers.

**Comments from Town Board Members:**

Chief Cuccia stated they have had some fraud cases. He asked all parents to please check your child's cell phone. A new trend has become text scamming. People are texting pretending it's a wrong number and then befriending you. It moves from that to photo exchange and then blackmailing. He asked Supervisor D'Alessandro how the training went with the firearms. Supervisor D'Alessandro



stated it was very nice. Both fire arms instructors for East Fishkill invited him out to see how they train. It was a wonderful event. The Chief stated he performed very well.

Board Member Arco stated he can't wait to walk without the crutches. The highway update is that they have been working on a temporary fix for the Shenandoah Road culvert while they finalize plans on a permanent repair. They have repaired a pipe on Harrigan Road. They have a few more pipe crossings to replace before the blacktop plants close for the season. They have been cleaning out just lines and outfalls as well as town wide tree trimming before winter. The pothole crew has been out a few times a week. Please call the office if you have potholes that need patching. They have completed the concrete pad for the new recreation garage at the Rec. Clove Excavators is scheduled to be paving the following roads next week: Wonderland, Hosner Mountain Road, Morningside, and East Vacation. Please allow for extra travel time in those work areas. The East Fishkill Town Snow Ordinance is now in effect as of November 1 through April 15. No vehicles, trailers, basketball hoops, etc. may be parked on town roads during the season that would facilitate obstructed passage of snow removal equipment. Please also be reminded that garbage cans must be placed in your driveway or around it, not the road. Board Member Arco stated his work with the Police Department continues. He gave a shout out to the East Fishkill Volunteer Fire Department of the volunteers that have been over in Orange County for the recent wildfires. They are always looking for volunteers. There are plenty of things to do besides going into a fire.

Board Member Marinaro stated he attended a Veterans Day event at John Jay. The kids were all attentive and the school superintendent mentioned this was probably the most important civic lesson that they can teach. There were many positive comments from that event. There were several volunteers participating at the fires across the river. There is a big problem with the drought and there has already been one lost property in East Fishkill and one on All Angels, so please be careful.

Board Member Franco stated the Halloween event was a success. He thanked the Police Department for decorating their vehicles and giving out candy to the residents. He thanked the volunteers and John Jay students who come back to help every year to make the event a success. He thanked Mill Creek for hosting this every year. The tree lighting will be at the East Fishkill Community Center on Saturday, December 7 @ 4 PM there will be caroling around the bonfire. 5 PM Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive. From 5 pm to 7 pm refreshments will be provided from East Fishkill Rotary Club. There will be crafts, pictures, opportunities to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Elf on the shelf, Frosty the Snowman, Supervisor on the shelf, roasting marshmallows, letters to Santa, and music by DJ Bob Martinson. You can register on the East Fishkill Recreation website. The Recreation Department will take any Christmas decorations you're looking to get rid of and they will be incorporated into the Christmas Tree Lighting event. Donations can be dropped off at the Recreation Office, Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM until

December 21. They will be selling Thunder Ridge tickets for ski and snowboard lessons at the recreation office.

Board Member Flores stated there were multiple staff meetings over the last month to finalize the plans. They have been reviewing the draft plan line by line and they have discussed the timeline for navigating the SEQRA process. She expressed her sympathy at the sudden passing of Joe Cotter, the owner of iPark. He was a visionary who was generous with his time and gave them many ideas towards their master plan as they work through the process. He will be missed. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he attended the memorial service this past Saturday in Yonkers for Mr. Cotter. It was a tremendous memorial.

Clerk Cassidy wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the Christmas tree lighting will be on December 7 at the Community Center. Sunday, December 8 the East Fishkill Historic Society will have their Christmas Open House at the Brinckerhoff House historic site. That is also where the December 12 Town Board meeting will be. Please go and check out the site. They will have children's crafts, cookies, cider, and decorations. Saturday, December 14 they will also be holding their annual holiday tea at the Brinckerhoff House. It is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. He wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Please be safe and be cognizant of the drought and conserve water when you can.

**Motion for Adjournment: Time:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:07 PM: Board Member. Seconded: Board Member. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Town Board Meetings:**      **Regular Meeting:**      **December 12, 2024**

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy –  
November 18, 2024