

Communications/Announcements/Reports

Town Boards members – Stated their comments and mentioned taking this plan seriously and commended committee on a great job.

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Committee member, Jennifer Hixon, stated her comments, and mentioned she was very impressed with the thoroughness of the report.

Committee Members: Maria Barrington and Robin Cole – each extended thanks for their opportunity to be a part of this committee and the great work they did. Also stated how great of a learning experience this was.

79-2021 A Resolution to Adopt the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Final Plan and Authorize the Supervisor to Complete and Submit the Plan Certification Form

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 203 issued by Governor Cuomo, each local government entity which has a police agency must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan for improvement to address the particular needs of the community, promote community engagement, foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order required that the Chief Operating Officer of a municipality convene, in consultation with the Chief of Police, a group of stakeholders from the community to conduct the review and prepare the Plan: and

WHEREAS, in response to the Executive Order, the Town Board convened a committee of community stakeholders to develop such plan (the "Plan"); the committee has performed a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices; and the committee has developed a draft Plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices; and

WHEREAS, the committee also designed and solicited responses to two surveys, one for the community to measure their perception of the job done by the East Greenbush Police Department, and one for employees of the Police Department to understand their perception of the issues under review; and

WHEREAS, the community survey garnered 404 responses and the Police Department survey was completed by 28 employees of the department; and

WHEREAS, the committee that produced the Plan consisted of Maria Barrington, Robin Cole, Jack Conway, Roger Johnson, Aaron Matthews, Assistant Police Chief Jonathan Reickert, Police Chief Elaine Rudzinski, Tina Tierney and Ingrid Werge; and

WHEREAS, the committee held a series of meetings over a three-month period and performed a comprehensive review of police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices in order to create the Final Plan, reviewed numerous drafts of the Plan and agreed to its final contents; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly scheduled and held on March 17, 2021 offering the Plan in draft form for public comment and everyone who wished to be heard was heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush adopts the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Final Plan as submitted, effective immediately;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to complete the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan Certification form and submit the completed form to the Director of the New York State Division of the Budget;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board thanks the committee that produced the Plan for their diligence and professionalism.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Supervisor Conway and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: ABSENT

80-2021 A Resolution Designating Jennifer Dean as Chairperson of the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2020, the Town Board appointed Jennifer Dean to the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) for a term not to exceed one (1) full year; and

WHEREAS, Local Law 2 of 2020, which established the CAC, provides that the Town Board shall designate a member of the Council to act as Chairperson for the length of that member's appointment; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Dean, Ph. D., is a member of the CAC, is a Town resident; served as a Member of the Natural Resources Work Group (NRWG); holds a Ph. D. in entomology from Penn State University and a BS in plant Biology from Ohio University; brings specific and related knowledge, skills, and experience from her current position as Invasive Species Biologist with the New York Natural Heritage Program; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Dean's knowledge, skills, training, professional background, and experience as a member of the NRWG which helped draft Local Law 2 of 2020 uniquely qualify her for the position of Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that this proposed Board action will not have a material impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Jennifer Dean as Chairperson of the East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council for a term to run coterminous with the Town Board's above-mentioned appointment of Jennifer Dean as a member of the CAC;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Tierney and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: ABSENT

81-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of a Federal-Aid Transportation Project to Fund the Local Share of Federal- and State-Aid Eligible and Ineligible Project Costs and Obtaining Funds Therefore as Set Forth Below.

WHEREAS, a Project known as the US Route 4/I-90 Intersection Safety Enhancements and US Route 4 and State Route 151 Various Intersection Improvements P.I.N. 1089.79 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 55 % Federal funds and 45% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Construction for Intersection Improvements of US Route 4/Hampton Inn Entrance, US Route 4/State Route 151, and State Route 151/Tempel Lane using funds provided to the Town by Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Regeneron); and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush Town Board has required that certain traffic mitigation measures be undertaken by Regeneron as a part of the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act process for Regeneron's projects on the Tempel Lane Campus located in the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush understands that NYSDOT has determined that those certain traffic mitigation measures which intersect with NYSDOT improvements to NYS Route 4 corridor, are equivalent in cost to the non-federal share of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town is entering into a Betterment Agreement with NYSDOT using the developer mitigation fees provided by Regeneron to the Town for the non-federal share of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town has agreed to do so subject to the execution and funding of an Escrow Agreement between the Town Board and Regeneron such that Regeneron provides all of the funding of the non-federal share of the project to the Town of East Greenbush with the Town transferring the funds to the NYSDOT in the manner provided for in the Betterment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's finances; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is adopting this resolution to correct an error in the resolution adopted on March 17 as resolution 72-2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Betterment Agreement attached as Exhibit A and the Escrow Agreement attached as Exhibit B finding that the Betterment Agreement can only be executed by the Town Supervisor upon the Escrow Agreement being

fully executed and payment to the Town by Regeneron of the sum of \$2,360,913.00 for the Town to provide to NYSDOT, as identified in the Betterment Agreement Schedule A;
and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to the Betterment Agreement in connection with the Project;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Tierney and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: ABSENT
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES

Chief of Police, Elaine Rudzinski – Addressed her comments and mentioned how appreciative she is of the committee that was formed, including Supervisor Conway and Councilor Tierney.

Assistant Chief of Police, Jon Reickert – Addressed his comments about the reform and noted this gave the police the opportunity to have a voice and work with our community. Stated he is privileged to work with these folks and Chief. Commended our Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT 6:29 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: ABSENT

Respectfully,

Ellen Pangburn
East Greenbush Town Clerk