



The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD MINUTES May 19, 2021

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The following is a summary of the Town Board Meeting as recorded by the Town Clerk.

Call to Order **7:00 PM**
Pledge of Allegiance
Town Board Meeting:

Members of Town Board

Present

Absent

Supervisor J. Conway
Councilor T. Tierney
Councilor H. Kennedy
Councilor R. Matters
Councilor B. Fritz

Communications/Announcements/Reports

Town Board members provided their individual comments, community-related information, and/or announcements.

Councilor Tierney – Complimented Town Hall staff on resolutions this month and mentioned a lot of great work is happening. Extended thanks to Adam Yagelski for the Annual MS4 Report, which is a great resource with important information for residents. Expressed her gratitude to residents who worked on Comprehensive Plan, as well as Adam Yagelski, M.J. Engineering, and Supervisor Conway.

Councilor Kennedy – Updated residents on Town Summer Camp and Memorial Day Parade. Community Library will begin Farmers Market on June 9th, from 4-7 pm. Congratulated CHS students selected for large school football All-Star Second Team – sophomore, Aidan Laugrange, and senior, Mike Bennett.

Councilor Matters – Commented on Memorial Day Parade being held again this year, and that it will be a nice celebration of our community and getting back to normal.

Councilor Fritz – Noted as well town going forward with Memorial Day Parade. Looking forward to seeing residents and a little sign of normalcy.

Supervisor Conway – Indicated Memorial Day Parade will be Saturday, May 29th, beginning at 10:00 am at East Greenbush Bowling Center to Melvin Roads Post/American Legion. Mentioned parade has been expanded now to walkers, not only vehicles.

Update from East Greenbush Town Court on behalf of Town Justices Jessica Mocerine and Kevin Engel.

Town Court is back to holding in person court nights for all traffic, civil and criminal cases. The Judges still have the capability to hear cases virtually if the circumstances of the case warrant it. With regard to vehicle and traffic matters, there are instructions of the Town Court webpage for sending in traffic tickets and how to have your ticket processed through the mail if you choose to proceed in thin manner.

As town hall is open to the public, people may come into to pay fines or file court paperwork as needed during business hours.

Any questions please contact court staff by phone. Thank you.

Resident, David Terpening – Stated his comments and concerns regarding Comprehensive Plan, especially protecting residential properties near or adjacent to commercial development on Routes 9&20 and Route 4.

Resolutions and Proposals by Town Board Members:

122-2021 A Resolution to Approve Meeting Minutes

WHEREAS, the minutes of Town Board meetings, as provided in §106 of Article 7 of the New York Public Officers Law, shall be approved by the Board prior to them being finalized, deemed official and disseminated to the public by the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, that the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on April 21, 2021 have been presented; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed these minutes and any necessary corrections have been made;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting held on April 21, 2021 are hereby approved as submitted.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Matters and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

123-2021 Proclamation Honoring Eric Blostein Upon Completion of His Eagle Scout Project Within the East Greenbush Town Park

WHEREAS, Eric Blostein, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has completed his Eagle Scout project within the East Greenbush Town Park, thus securing scouting’s highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, the highest achievement of leadership in Scouting, earned by approximately five percent of all Boy Scouts, is the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting’s ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, for his project, Eric Blostein constructed a new space within the Dog Park specifically meant for smaller dogs to give them their own safe area to roam and play; and

WHEREAS, Eric Blostein successfully added a new fence, gateway entrance and additional materials for dogs and their owners within this project; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of East Greenbush is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Eric Blostein’s perseverance in rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks; his accomplishment will enable him to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today’s complex society; and

WHEREAS, this new Eagle Scout is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State and his Nation, and no doubt his future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush is proud to award this proclamation to Eric Blostein, for his excellent work and commitment to this project and congratulates and honors Eric Blostein on successfully completing his Eagle Scout project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this proclamation be presented to or transmitted to Eric Blostein.

This resolution was duly moved by Councilor Matters and seconded by Councilor Tierney and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

Supervisor Conway – Commended Eric Blostein on his Eagle Scout, constructing a new dog park space for small dogs within our existing dog park. Stated how profoundly important a project like this is for a community and congratulated Eric for his amazing work.

Councilor Kennedy – Congratulated Eric as well and mentioned he had raised over \$4,000 in cans and bottles for construction of this project. Noted leftover money of \$72 was donated to Town Park General Fund.

Councilor Tierney – Also congratulated Eric and mentioned how proud she was of him, knowing him since kindergarten.

Councilor Fritz – Commented on Eric’s beautiful execution.

Resident, David Terpening – Commented to Eric that he should be very proud of himself.

Rensselaer County District Attorney, Mary Pat Donnelly – Mentioned she knows from Eagle Scouts in her family how much of a huge project it is to undertake, and to be able to contribute to your community at such a young age, it really is a sign of things to come. Congratulated Eric and his family.

124-2021 A Resolution Designating a Portion of Lakeshore Drive from Onderdonk Park to Hampton Lake Park as One-Way for the Period of May 25, 2021 through September 7, 2021, the Installation of Necessary Signage and Traffic Control Devices to Safely and Appropriately Accomplish the Same

WHEREAS, this action has generated positive feedback from the residents using the roadway as it facilitates walking, bicycling and fishing along that portion of the roadway; and

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

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Lake Shore Drive from Onderdonk Park to Hampton Lake Park shall be designated one-way during the period from May 25, 2021 through September 7, 2021, with the Commissioner of Public Works installing the appropriate signage to advise users of this designation.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Matters and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

125-2021 A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Summer Camp Staff to the Community and Recreation Department

WHEREAS, the Community and Recreation Department advertised for Summer Camp staff, accepted applications and conducted interviews before deciding to submit the names below to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Community and Recreation Department did not host a traditional summer camp with full staffing; and

WHEREAS, per New York State guidance, Summer Camps are able to resume to full capacity in the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, to properly meet staffing needs a budget transfer in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the General Fund to the account 73101.01 Youth Summer Camp PS is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is a budget transfer in the amount of \$7,000.00 from the General Fund to the account 73101.01 Youth Summer Camp PS;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the candidates listed below are appointed to serve as Summer Camp Staff for the 2021 season at the hourly rate specified below:

Alyssa Pitcherelle	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Anthony Bisson	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Cara Lallier	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Dante Albanese	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Emma Walters	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Gregg Smail	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Jenna Lallier	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Jessica Borst	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Joe Fredricks	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Katie Asenbauer	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Lucas Ortiz	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Mackenzie Wagner	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Matthew Beattie	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Morgan Donnelly	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Ryan Blake	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Sara Barno	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Skyla Suarez	Counselor	13.00/Hr
Ashley Angelo	Counselor	13.00/Hr

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves a budget transfer of \$7,000.00 from the General Fund to the account 73101.01 Youth Summer Camp PS.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Kennedy and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

126-2021 A Resolution Authorizing Directional Boring of a Water Main on Troy Road

WHEREAS, the old water main at the junction of Troy Road and Columbia Turnpike which feeds the businesses on the west side of Troy Road as far as the former Friendly's Restaurant is in poor condition and is subject to occasional breaks; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation installed a new sidewalk over the old water main, requiring the Town of East Greenbush to remove and replace sections of sidewalk in the event of a water main break; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has reviewed the situation and determined that it would be cost effective and prudent to replace the old water main with a new main; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible quote received for directionally boring a new 2” water main was for \$16,200 from JAT Construction which includes providing water service to the island at the intersection of Troy Road and Columbia Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush Purchasing Policy requires that purchases of \$10,000 or more must be approved by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that the financial impact of this resolution is \$16,200.00 from the General Consolidated Water Fund for this expense;

Fund	Transfer in	Transfer out
Consolidated General Water Fund Balance (05) SS-917		\$16,200.00
8340.2.5 Consolidated General Water Fund Transmission/Distribution Equipment	\$16,200.00	

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to contract with JAT Construction to install the 2” Water Main per the attached quote in an amount not to exceed \$16,200.00.

This 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: YES

127-2021 A Resolution Authorizing Tree Removal by Allmark Tree and Crane Service

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is responsible for removal of dangerous or dead trees in the Town Highway Right of Way; and

WHEREAS, the Highway General Foreman has identified some of these trees that are outside of the Highway Department’s ability to safely remove without risk to employees or property; and

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer County bid for Tree and Stump Removal was awarded on August 1, 2019 until July 31st, 2022, and the results of the bid were made available to all municipalities and school districts in Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, Allmark Tree and Crane Service is the selected contractor on the Rensselaer County Bid; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush Purchasing Policy requires that purchases of \$10,000 or more must be approved by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that the financial impact of this resolution would not exceed \$21,400.00 from Budget Line D5140.4 Brush and Weeds now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to contract with Allmark Tree and Crane Service to remove the trees as specified on the estimate attached at a cost not to exceed \$21,400.00.

This resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

128-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Finance Office to Solicit Bids for Various General Construction, Electric, HVAC and Plumbing Services

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush has identified the need to solicit bids for various general construction, electric, HVAC and plumbing services; and

WHEREAS, the current list of approved vendors for General Construction, Electric, HVAC and plumbing was last bid in 2016, and is currently beyond the renewal period; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office will present the bid results to the Town Board with a recommendation of selected lowest responsible bidders; 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, the Town Board authorizes the Finance Office to solicit sealed bids for general construction, electric, HVAC and plumbing services.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Matters and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

129-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing Clerk to Attend Training

WHEREAS, due to Covid-19 the annual purchasing conference which provides two day training for the Finance Department has not been held; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials (NYSAMPO), the organization that both the Director of Finance and Purchasing Clerk belong to, is hosting a six (6) day training targeted to professionals who are employed by local government entities, including Cities, Counties, Towns, Villages, School Districts and Higher Education, Fire Districts and Special Districts who either serve within or manage the Procurement Function; and

WHEREAS, a solid foundation and understanding of the laws governing local government procurement are essential for anyone involved in procuring goods, services and construction for their local government. This seminar, covering six half-days, will provide an overview of the laws regulating local government procurement in New York, and techniques to successfully comply with all legal requirements, while delivering best value to the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, this is the first comprehensive training seminar dedicated to Local Government Procurement in New York designed to provide a solid foundation of the principles and general concepts of local government procurement and includes a 248-page in-depth workbook; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this six half day seminar is \$595.00 each or \$1,190.00 for both members of the Finance Department to attend and each receive the workbook; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is \$500.00 from the Purchasing CE 13454.01.04 2021 Budget Account and \$690.00 from the General Fund for this expense;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Meaghan Hart, Director of Finance, and Mary Hendrick, Purchasing Clerk are hereby authorized to attend the training this June.

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

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

130-2021 A Resolution Adopting the Town Of East Greenbush Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy 2021 Update

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush adopted the original Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy via Resolution 66-2016 following a comprehensive review from the New York State Department of Labor's Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Town has effectively trained employees on the program annually and many alterations were made to Town Hall during COVID-19 which reminded us that it was time for a comprehensive review of the program and a walk-through of the Town facilities and amend concerns and safety updates as required; and

WHEREAS, a number of safety vulnerabilities that we had identified in 2016 were mitigated in 2020 with the installation of glass on a number of the Town Hall offices and with screening at the main entrance to Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, there are a few remaining areas that the Town would like to review and which are identified as areas to address going forward; and

WHEREAS, the policy has been sent to each of the three unions for approval along with approval from the Town Board and training of all Town employees will take place over the next couple of months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that there is no financial impact to adopting the updated policy;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the 2021 update to the Town of East Greenbush Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy.

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: YES

131-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Finance Department to Solicit Bids for Updating the Women’s Restroom in Town Hall

WHEREAS, the Women’s Restroom has been identified as one of the last outstanding projects that require renovation in Town Hall and this work has been delayed due to Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the Women’s Restroom requires updating for safety, compliance and cleanliness as identified by Town staff and the Commissioner of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department will work with the Commissioner of Public Works, and Building Inspector to develop the specifications and bid, as well as an ideal project timeline; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that soliciting bids will not have a material impact on the Town’s finances;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the updating of the Women’s Restroom in Town Hall.

This 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: YES

132-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of an iPad for the Community and Recreation Department

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor has identified the need for an iPad for the Community and Recreation Department that will assist with the administration of the Summer Camp Program as well as other Town Events; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has procured a quote from an authorized retailer through the New York State Contract PD67647; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Apple 10.9-inch iPad Air Wi-Fi + Cellular – 4th Generation – 64 GB Tablet is \$690.20; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is \$691.00 to account 71404.01.04 Community Recreation CE funded by the General Fund; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance is authorized to purchase the iPad for the Community and Recreation Department.

This resolution was duly moved by Councilor Kennedy and seconded by Councilor Tierney and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

133-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to Contract with ClearGov for their Digital Budget Book for the 2021 Budget Season

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has presented the addition of the Digital Budget Book by ClearGov to the Town Supervisor as a system that would nicely complement our current budget process along with providing additional transparency; and

WHEREAS, ClearGov’s mission is to create easy-to-use, modern software that helps local governments budget better by providing technology that allows the Town to operate more efficiently and communicate more effectively; and

WHEREAS, the ClearGov Budget Book is designed to adhere to the Government Finance Officers Association’s (GFOA) Best Practices for Budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the implementation and annual cost of the ClearGov Budget Book is as follows:

Implementation (One-Time Fee):	\$1,800
2021 Implementation (July – Dec 2021):	\$3,700 (Half price)
Total First Year Investment:	\$5,500
Each Additional Year:	\$7,400

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, the Supervisor’s designated Budget Officer has recommended that we sample the Digital Budget Book for the 2022 Budget Season to help enhance the annual budget process and see if it serves as a tool that allows the Town Board, Town employees and the general public to better understand the different parts of the budget and to readily see the information that they are seeking; and

WHEREAS, with the ability to include Department Heads in the budget process by allowing them to develop their Department’s budget page, it will allow the public to see who they are, what their responsibilities and goals are and how well they’re doing to achieve the goals they set; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that the financial impact of this resolution is \$5,500.00 to account 16804.01.04 Data Processing CE funded by the General Fund for this expense;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Director of Finance to contract with ClearGov for the implementation of the Digital Budget Book for the 2022 Budget Season.

This 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: YES

134-2021 A Resolution to Adopt the Town's 2020-2021 Annual MS4 Report

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush is subject to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase II requirements of SPDES General Permit GP-0-15-003 stormwater management requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), for the development and adoption of an Annual Report; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Annual Report has been on file for review at the Town Clerk's Office and the Town of East Greenbush website; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has certified that the filing of the 2020-2021 Annual MS4 Report poses no adverse impact to the Town's 2021 budget;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush, County of Rensselaer, State of New York, does hereby adopt of the Town's 2020-2021 Annual Report for Phase II SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), GP-0-15-003.

This 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: YES

135-2021 A Resolution Adopting SEQRA Negative Declaration with Regard to the 2021 Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush has considered the proposed Town of East Greenbush Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update is a Type 1 action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), 6 NYCRR 917.4(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020 (251-2020), the Town Board declared its intent to seek lead agency under SEQRA and initiated the required coordinated review with involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, no objections were received from involved agencies after 30 days to the Town Board serving as lead agency; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was noticed and took place on April 14, 2021 to consider the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and the environmental significance of the proposed action; all persons interested in the subject thereof were duly heard; and the Town Board has carefully considered and weighed the input by the public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board has prepared and completed Parts 1 and 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF); and the Board has duly reviewed the FEAF and has considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c) to determine whether the proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment; 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 hereby determines that the proposed adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment; that the Town Board adopts the findings and conclusion relating to probable environmental impacts contained within the attached FEAF and Negative Declaration and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the FEAF and for the Town Clerk to file the Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of law;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that with respect to the proposed adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the Town Board, as SEQRA lead agency for the review of this type 1 action, has carefully reviewed the SEQRA documents including the FEAF Part 1, 2 and 3; hereby adopts the findings and conclusions relating to probable environmental impacts contained within the aforementioned FEAF; has considered the SEQRA criteria of significance set forth at 6 NYCRR §617.7(c); and hereby determines to issue the attached negative declaration of environmental significance, finding that no EIS will be prepared for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan because the action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the FEAF and for the Town Clerk to file the Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of law

This resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Fritz and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

136-2021 A Resolution Adopting the 2021 Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, Section 272-a of the New York State Town Law recognizes the importance of preparing a comprehensive plan to facilitate the protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town and to promote the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens;
and

WHEREAS, the Town's existing 2006 Land Use Plan has not been updated in fifteen years and the full Comprehensive Plan has not been updated since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the Comprehensive Plan provides an essential foundation for guiding future development and has demonstrated a commitment to maintaining a current Comprehensive Plan document to effectively guide development in the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution number 21-2019, the Town Board authorized creation of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) as a special board under Section 272-a of the NYS Town Law to prepare a proposed comprehensive plan and appointed members to join the CPSC; and

WHEREAS, the CPSC prepared a Comprehensive Plan that involved the consideration of substantial public engagement including an online community survey, two public open houses, stakeholder group meetings, and two public hearings, as required under Town Law Section 272-a; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 24, 2020 the CPSC, by formal resolution duly adopted by the CPSC recommended the Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for its consideration and potential adoption in accordance with Town Law Section 272-a; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on December 16, 2020, by Resolution 251-2020, the Town Board duly accepted the Comprehensive Plan recommended by the CPSC; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, the Town Board held a Public Hearing to solicit public comment on the Comprehensive Plan as required by New York State Town Law § 272-a; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board modified the Comprehensive Plan to reflect comments received from the public through the public hearing process, subsequently holding a second public hearing on April 14, 2021 to receive comment on the proposed Comprehensive Plan as modified; and

WHEREAS, the Town, in accordance with resolution 251-2020, referred the Comprehensive Plan to the Rensselaer County Department of Economic Development and Planning for review, as required by §239-m of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law § 272-a(9), the Town has taken into consideration any applicable county agricultural and farmland protection plans as created under article twenty-five-AAA of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared itself lead agency and issued a SEQR Negative Declaration per 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

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

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush hereby adopts the proposed Comprehensive Plan;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs that the Plan be periodically reviewed as per Town Law § 272-a(10) at least every 5 years, with any changes to be implemented not less than every 10 years;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Plan shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and a copy thereof filed with the Rensselaer County Department of Economic Development and Planning as required by Town Law § 272-a(12).

This 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: YES

Supervisor Conway – Extended thanks to Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – John Conway, Jr., Maria Barrington, Dave Becker, Marc Iorio, Robert Lehmann, Victoria Manieri, Stephen Obermayer, Ralph Viola, and Guy Warner. Recognized the late Bill Perkins as he was Chair, who did great work. Also thanked members of the Natural Resources Work Group – Victoria Manieri, Jennifer Hixon, Bob Wood, Ingrid Haeckel, Adam Yagelski, Jennifer Dean, and Nancy Kupiec. Also commended M.J. Engineering along with Jackie Hakes and Andrew Gilchrist. Thanked Town Board as well as this was a time consuming and difficult project. Extended thanks to Alison Lovely in Planning & Zoning Department. Credited Adam Yagelski for laying a new foundation for our town and this great piece of work.

Councilor Matters – Mentioned how this was a collaborative effort and extended thanks to Councilor Tierney for bringing people in and make the process worthwhile. Noted Adam Yagelski’s work on this as well.

Councilor Fritz – Commented on the great process with public meetings and work groups in which it laid the framework for our town.

Councilor Tierney – Thanked Supervisor Conway for the process all being led from his office.

137-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Sign Contract Amendment No. 4 with H2M Architects and Engineers to Provide Additional Subsurface Investigation Services in Connection with the Third Avenue & Barracks Road Pump Station Upgrades

WHEREAS, in connection with growth and development along the Tempel Lane corridor, including the construction of Regeneron’s Tempel Lane Campus, the Town has identified the public need for the construction of certain improvements to the sanitary sewer collection and conveyance system; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 75-2020 was adopted on March 20, 2020 authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with H2M Architects and Engineers (“H2M”) to provide detailed design consulting services to design the necessary improvements to the subject pump stations to accommodate the projected increased flow resulting from the Regeneron Tempel Lane Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board on January 20, 2021 authorized (resolution 16-2021) the Supervisor to sign contract Amendment No. 1 with H2M Architects and Engineers to provide additional professional services; on January 27, 2021 authorized (34-2021) the Supervisor to sign contract Amendment No. 2 with H2M Architects and Engineers to provide geotechnical services according to optional Task 5 included in H2M’s proposal and existing agreement with the Town; and on April 21, 2021 authorized by resolution 113-2021) the Supervisor to enter into contract Amendment No. 3 with H2M Architects and Engineers to provide the additional subsurface investigation services to advance the pump station replacement; and

WHEREAS, based on issues encountered during the course of fieldwork, H2M’s soil boring contractor, MFS Engineers & Surveyors, requested authorization for an additional day of fieldwork in the amount of \$4,450.00, which will be processed as a fourth amendment to the existing agreement between the Town and H2M (“Amendment No. 4”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a recommendation from the Town’s GEIS Policy Committee, the Town Board previously authorized the use of a portion of the SEQRA mitigation fees paid to the Town by Regeneron for these mitigation projects (Resolution 132-2019), including replacement of the pump stations, as set forth in the Regeneron Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the contract with H2M Architects and Engineers, as amended, will exceed \$800,000, the amount of SEQRA mitigation fees budgeted for this phase of the project as set forth in Town Board resolution 132-2019 and the Regeneron Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Town Board resolution 132-2019 and the Regeneron Development Agreement, Regeneron will fund the balance of project costs that exceed the \$800,000 committed by the Town, and Regeneron has established and funded an escrow account with the Town in accordance with the Regeneron Development Agreement, which account presently carries a balance sufficient to fund the contract with H2M as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that the financial impact of this resolution cannot be determined until Regeneron places the funding in escrow;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into contract Amendment No. 4 with H2M Architects and Engineers to provide an additional day of subsurface investigation fieldwork to advance the pump station replacement, following approval of said contract amendment as to form by the Town Attorney;
and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush affirms that contract Amendment No. 4 is an eligible use of funds in accordance with the Regeneron Development Agreement and stipulates that contract Amendment No. 4 costs be funded from the escrow account established pursuant to the Regeneron Development Agreement.

This resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

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

138-2021 A Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing to Receive Public Input on a Project to Transform Lakeshore Drive Permanently into a One-Way Street and Create a Loop Path

WHEREAS, the need to implement complete streets improvements on Lakeshore Drive has been identified in order to address multi-modal traffic operations, increase safety for all modes, and increase healthy transportation and recreation opportunities, a vision most recently codified in the 2017 Amenities Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the vision set forth in the 2017 Amenities Plan within the context of limited resources – but also to best position the Town to leverage future grant funding opportunities as may become available – the Town desires to begin a multi-phase effort, the first phase of which will be preparing a traffic engineering study to evaluate a project to transform Lakeshore Drive permanently into a one-way street (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town engaged Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (“Stantec”), to assist the Town in assessing the feasibility of the Project, including providing expert engineering analysis with respect to safety, multi-modal accessibility and mobility, complete streets, and transportation operations, including an alternatives analysis of the optimal one-way traffic travel direction around Hampton Manor Lake; and

WHEREAS, Stantec has prepared a memorandum outlining the results of their analysis of the proposed Project, which memorandum also incorporates the results of a stakeholder meeting involving emergency services, DPW, and East Greenbush Central School District representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hold a public hearing to receive public input on the Project and aforementioned memorandum, which is attached hereto; 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 hereby schedules a Public Hearing to receive public input on a project to transform Lakeshore Drive into a one-way street to be held at the East Greenbush Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike Rensselaer, NY 12144 on June 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., or by remote means, and directs the Town Clerk to publish and post notice of such hearing.

This 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: YES

139-2021 A Resolution to Appoint Noreen S. Gill to the Town of East Greenbush Planning Board

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted on time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of May 12, 2021 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on May 18th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board received the resignation of James Moore from his seat on the Planning Board on February 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Planning Board be fully empaneled with seven members; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had interviewed Noreen S. Gill for an appointment to the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) and found that she would be better suited for a seat on the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board interviewed Noreen S. Gill again on May 12, 2021 with specific queries about her suitability for appointment to the Planning Board and found her to be an extremely worthy candidate who was available to step in immediately; 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 hereby appoints Noreen S. Gill to a position on the Town's Planning Board to complete the term of James Moore which runs until December 31, 2022;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board thanks Jim Moore for his vast contribution to planning in our Town and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

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: YES

140-2021 A Resolution Accepting the Resignation of John Michael Donahue

WHEREAS, this resolution was not submitted on time to be considered on the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of May 12, 2021 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on May 18th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, John Michael Donahue was appointed to the East Greenbush Public Works Department on April 13, 1998; and

WHEREAS, John Michael Donahue has submitted a letter of resignation to the Town of East Greenbush on May 17th, 2021 for the purposes of retirement after over twenty three years of service to the Town of East Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller believes at this time that this resolution will not have an impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush accepts the resignation of John Michael Donahue and expresses appreciation to Mr. Donahue after many years of service to the Town, and wishes him the best as he begins this next chapter in his life.

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: YES

ADJOURNMENT

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: YES

Supervisor Conway made motion to go into Executive Session for purposes of conducting an interview for a position in our Building Department and would like to ask the Board to invite HR Manager, Lisa Borst, and Building Inspector, Kevin Hitchcock, into this session as well as candidate; Councilor Kennedy seconded. 5-0 vote.

Executive Session - Ended at 8:43 p.m. Supervisor Conway moved it; Councilor Tierney seconded; 5-0 vote.

Adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Supervisor Conway moved it; Councilor Fritz seconded; 5-0 vote.

Respectfully,

Ellen Pangburn
East Greenbush Town Clerk