



The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING May 23, 2018

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

Members of Town Board

Present	Absent	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor J. Conway
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor T. Tierney
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor H. Kennedy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor R. Matters
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor G. Warner

Schedule of Meeting:

Open Public Privilege: NOTE – Each speaker may choose to state name and address prior to addressing the Board and shall be granted the floor for up to five minutes. The Board thanks everyone in attendance for their understanding and also for their desire to actively participate in the decision making process. All speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. Personal attacks will not be tolerated.

115-2018 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 18, 2018 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 18, 2018 are hereby approved as submitted.

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:
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED:
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED:
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED:
Councilor G. Warner	VOTED:

116-2018 A Resolution Urging the New York State Department of Health to Locate the Wadsworth Center at the University of Albany’s Health Sciences Campus in East Greenbush

WHEREAS, the University at Albany’s Health Sciences campus in East Greenbush, which is home to its School of Public Health and its Cancer Research Center, is the site of innovative research and teaching programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new \$750 million Wadsworth Center Laboratory will be an important new development in public health research whose mission would be consistent with the ongoing critical research already being conducted at the Health Sciences Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Wadsworth Center is currently housed in multiple locations and the State has expressed an interest in housing the Laboratory in a single building to better facilitate its mission, which includes public health programs, regulatory programs, and research and education functions, all of which are consistent with institutions and programs already situated at the University of Albany’s Health Sciences Campus; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health is considering other locations for this important project but the East Greenbush site would allow the Department to centralize the functions of the Wadsworth Center Laboratory in a single facility with advantages that include a beautiful location, easy access from all parts of the Capital Region, excellent municipal services and close proximity to the many exciting bio-technologies currently housed in that location; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush urges the New York State Department of Health to locate the Wadsworth Center at the University of Albany’s Health Sciences Campus in East Greenbush; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to send this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Health Commissioner Howard A. Zucker, M.D., Senator Kathy Marchione, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Chairman of the Rensselaer County Legislature Michael Stammel.

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:
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED:
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED:
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED:
Councilor G. Warner	VOTED:

117-2018 A Resolution Authorizing the Town of East Greenbush to Enter into a Contract with M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. (joined by River Street Planning and Development and Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, & Environmental Services, DPC) to Update the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, and Western Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board approved the solicitation of proposals for updating the Town of East Greenbush’s Comprehensive Plan in Resolution 37-2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush has experienced changes associated with significant growth within the community and in the region, prompting a need to review the comprehensive plan to ensure that future growth and changes are in harmony with the community’s vision; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush recognizes that the comprehensive plan provides an essential foundation for guiding future development and has demonstrated a commitment to maintaining the comprehensive plan document to effectively guide development in East Greenbush, writing the first Comprehensive Plan in 1970 and performing a complete Comprehensive Plan update in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush solicited sealed competitive bids from qualified Planning Consultants to update the Town of East Greenbush’s Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Zoning Law and the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) documents by issuing RFP 18-03, “2018 Comprehensive Plan and Integrated Land Use Planning Update”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush received three (3) responsive proposals from three consultant teams; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Update Selection Committee evaluated the three (3) proposals received according to the Evaluation Criteria specified in RFP 18-03 and issued a recommendation to conduct interviews with the three (3) consultant teams; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board received the evaluation results and recommendation from the Plan Update Selection Committee and interviewed each consultant team, including M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. (joined by River Street Planning and Development and Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, & Environmental Services, DPC); and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this resolution will have a material impact on the Town’s finances and will be, in part, funded by a total GEIS Administration and GEIS Land Use & GIS budgetary transfer of \$29,761.43 with the balance coming from either General Fund Balance or other GEIS accounts;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. (joined by River Street Planning and Development and Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, & Environmental Services, DPC) for an amount not to exceed \$157,000.00 to update the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, and Western Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS).

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:
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED:
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED:
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED:
Councilor G. Warner	VOTED:

118-2018 A Resolution to Accept the Resignation of William P. Hessney From the Zoning Board of Appeals

WHEREAS, the Town Board appointed William P. Hessney to be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals in Resolution 64-2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has now asked Mr. Hessney to accept the position of Assistant Attorney for the Town for the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, William P. Hessney submitted his resignation in writing on May 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed 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 accepts the resignation of William P. Hessney as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately.

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

Councilor G. Warner	VOTED:
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED:
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED:
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED:
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED:

119-2018 A Resolution Appointing William P. Hessney, Esq. to the Position of Assistant Attorney for the Town for the Zoning Board of Appeals

WHEREAS, the position of Assistant Attorney to the Town for the Zoning Board of Appeals became vacant when George Hoffman was appointed to the position of Town Justice; and

WHEREAS, the business of the Zoning Board of Appeals requires that an experienced attorney be made available to assist in their review of individual cases and provide counsel for interpretations of the Zoning Law that may be required; and

WHEREAS, William P. Hessney, Esq. submitted an application for appointment as Assistant Attorney for the Town for the Zoning Board of Appeals which included a resume and letter of interest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hessney is an attorney who has handled many commercial and residential real estate cases and has significant experience with aspects of the law related to the work of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board interviewed Mr. Hessney and found him to

be an excellent candidate for a seat on the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals, to which he was appointed in Resolution 64-2018, and were also impressed by his credentials and experience as an attorney in this field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hessney's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals was accepted by the Town Board in Resolution 118-2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has confirmed that this position was funded in the 2018 Town Budget;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush appoints William P. Hessney to the position of Assistant Attorney to the Town for the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately,

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mr. Hessney will be paid at the annual rate of \$12,500.00 per year.

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

Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED:
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED:
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED:
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED:
Councilor G. Warner	VOTED:

120-2018 A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Enter Into an Agreement with C.T. Male Associates for the Preparation of Applications Pursuant to the New York State Consolidated Funding Application

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush wishes to retain the services of an experienced grants writer so that we may apply for funding from the New York State Consolidated Funding Application program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized a Request for Proposals for engineering services in Resolution 50-2016 so that we would have qualified firms available for a wide variety of engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board selected eight engineering firms in Resolution 121-2016 in response to the Request for Proposals and C.T. Male Associates was selected for grants writing; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Male Associates, after meeting with Town staff, has submitted a proposal to prepare two applications for the Town, one an application for funding from the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) for MS4 storm water mapping and drainage improvements, and another from the Municipal Parks Grant Program for funding to create the Hampton Lake Park Loop Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller confirms that this cost was include in the 2018 budget for the appropriate code 80204.01 grants writer;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with C.T. Male Associates for the preparation of two grant

applications to be submitted to programs funded under the New York State Consolidated Funding Application program for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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:
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED:
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED:
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED:
Councilor G. Warner	VOTED:

ADJOURNMENT

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

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED:
Councilor G. Warner	VOTED:
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED:
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED:
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: