



Town Board

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Chester convened at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York, at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Supervisor Craig Leggett, Karen DuRose, Chris Aiken, Larry Turcotte, Deputy Supervisor Marion Eagan and Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner. Absent Mike Packer.

Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:06 pm by Councilman Aiken leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION NO. 109 OF 2021: ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 2021

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting July 13, 2021, as presented. On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 109 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

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Committee Reports:

Supervisor Leggett opened Committee Reports at 7:07 pm.

The Town Clerk reported the following documents were emailed to all Board Members:

- Town Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting July 13, 2021
- Zoning Administrator Activity Report for July 2021
- Planning Board Minutes for July 19, 2021
- Assessors Report for August 2021
- ACO Report for July 2021
- Town Clerk Monthly Report for July 2021
- Communications Report for August 2021
- Chester Town Court Report dated August 9, 2021
- Transfer Station Report for July 11 – August 8, 2021
- Youth Commission Report for July 2021
- Bottle Redemption for May 10th, June 9th and July 12th
- Letter from the APA approving the proposed amendments to the Town of Chester Section 4.02 Use Table
- Loon Lake Park District Beach Inspection Summary Report dated July 20, 2021
- Letter from Gregory Oser requesting Town water at 220 Olmstedville Road
- Aqualogic Loon Lake/ Harvest Report for July 5 – 31, 2021
- Copy of Warren County Connection for August 2021

Town Board Reports:

Mr. Aiken reported that he met with the Senior Center Directors about the cabinets, which they are preceding with a grant; the July Youth Commission Committee Meeting was canceled, met with Supervisor Leggett to discuss the search for a new director; the Town dropped a load of

stone off at the Pottersville Cemetery for the Rotary; met with Brett Hitchcock at the pavilion along with Rebecca Moon from the Rotary to discuss a joint effort to spruce up the pavilion a little bit; and pointed out that the traffic control at the Farmers Market seems to be working and it was nice to see the crowd and the socialization.

Mrs. DuRose reported that she attended a webinar hosted by the Office of State Comptroller for the financial analyst for Board Members, which covered being prepared for the unexpected; several conversations about a dog park; and met with a potential ZBA member.

Mr. Turcotte said he would speak about the Transfer Station at the end of the meeting.

Supervisor Leggett reported the following:

- Health Center: Received a quote from a qualified contractor for leveling the floors. Heard back from another contractor who looked at the job and has determined he does not have time to do it and did not submit a quote. 4 Contractors have not submitted a quote that were asked. Have discussed with Councilman Packer for a way forward.
- Attended County Board of Supervisors Meeting and Committee Meetings
- Attended Warren County LDC and IDA meetings. Have money to lend for businesses that need extra hand with financing. Have a new Executive Director for the IDA to help with marketing and recruiting businesses to settle or expand in Warren and Washington County
- Helped facilitate the 2021 Common Ground Alliance Forum on July 21st. Attended by 160 persons from across the Adirondack Region. Came up with ideas for business retention, workforce development, housing, recreation, and infrastructure needed in our area
- Attended Adirondack Intercounty Legislative Committee meeting held at Gore Mountain. Rode Revolutionary Rail towards Riparius and back.
- Have met with 3 vendors for cyber security services and are expecting the final quotes soon. This will help us with compliance and general safety of our computer systems.
- Met with a large engineering firm that is able to do grant applications, designs, and construction management. Discussed Pottersville Water District, Chestertown Water District and Highway Garage projects.
- Met with a website development company to explore the options and costs of updating the Town's website. Mindy, Marion, and Jeremy were in the meeting.
- Met with Bill Millington and set stakes at the old ballfield/horse rink on Little Tannery Road for siting of a dog park.
- Met with Library Director Alveraz regarding grants for upgrades to their facilities (new windows) and the relationship between the Town and the Library regarding autonomy and interdependence.
- Met with Christine Caunter and Whitney Burger from Glens Falls National Bank regarding banking options for the Town. They will do an account assessment to see if one of their programs is better for us than what we have now. Debra Runyon attended the meeting.
- Inspected roads and facilities around town with Deputy Supervisor Eagan and updated the project list and made some additions.

- Had a conference call with Cedarwood Engineering regarding Pottersville Wellhouse project. They have not received any quotes from well companies. Will call them again.
- Checked in with the Loon Lake Safety Officer, Boat Wash Attendants, Lifeguard, Transfer Station, Highway Dept, Water Dept, Parks and Rec Dept.
 - VanGuilder Road is paved. Dynamite Hill Road and the parking lot is paved. Water meter installation is coming along well.
- Handled various calls, complaints, kudos, and assisted residents and visitors with a wide array of issues. Including an injured Blue Heron on the Chester Creek Trail.

Supervisor Leggett closed Committee Reports at 7:12 pm.

Privilege of the Floor:

Northern Forest Center:

Supervisor Leggett opened Privilege of the Floor at 7:13 pm by introducing Leslie Karasin from the Northern Forest Center.

Leslie Karasin started off by saying that the Northern Forest Center is a Nonprofit Organization that serves as an investment innovation partner across the four states Northern Forest Region from New York to Northern Maine. The Center sees itself as a community partner and one of the issues we all see is aging community and demographics. The Center's areas of focus are around: support forest products businesses, create high quality destinations, partner with communities on revitalization and investment, and to ensure sustainable stewardship of the forest. The focus tonight will be about partnering with communities.

Ms. Karasin said that when thinking about the Town of Chester and the Center's relationship with the Town of Chester there is a whole lot of things that the Town has done; the wood pellet boiler and the community forest.

Leslie continued saying that the last year and a half the Center has been working on the demographic of an aging community and how to address that challenge and developing a strategy of attracting new residence; the document is available at https://northernforest.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Attracting_New_Residents_to_the_Adirondacks.pdf which was released in February of 2021. Tonight they will share the community assessment completed by Adam Bailey.

Mr. Bailey pointed out that they focused on the Hamlet of Chestertown however there are a lot of community ties with North Creek, Pottersville, Brant Lake, and Gore Mt. Mr. Bailey spent time looking at existing resources, reviewing existing planning documents and talking to residents, business owners and community leaders.

Adam used a SWOT Framework looking at the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Some of the strengths are a strong year-round community, outdoor recreation opportunities, existing planning documents and involved and dedicated community members. Every town has weaknesses like out-of-date Comprehensive Plan, no municipal sewer, inadequate daycare, poor pedestrian infrastructure and inconsistent web presence for businesses.

We have great opportunities being close to the Northway, nearby the Lake George Region and Gore Mountain, income from second homeowners and tourists. Some of the threats that could hinder the opportunities are young families leaving, rising median age traffic directed away from Hamlet, lack of available workforce and haphazard investment in broadband.

Ms. Karasin commented that they have learned a lot from other communities; invest in stacked and connected projects that attract and retain younger entrepreneurial people, build on local leadership, vision and momentum, and harness new forms of public, philanthropic and private investment.

Leslie recommends that an advisory group of six to eight people be set up to move forward. Leslie gave a small example they could help to explore recreational activity in the community forest or increasing web presence for businesses in the community.

Supervisor Leggett asked if there was any cost to the Town. Leslie replied no, the way the Center operates as a nonprofit is that they fundraise for in-kind and contractual services that they provide and they help write grants.

Supervisor Leggett said he would follow up with Leslie.

Supervisor Leggett introduced the Chairwoman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, Rachel Seeber.

Ms. Seeber thanked Supervisor Leggett for allowing her to come up and introduce herself and talk about how important Chester is to Warren County. Rachel said that Chester is incredibly well known in Warren County in large part because of Supervisor Leggett and he works very hard at the County and listed the eight committees that he sits on. Rachel highlighted that Craig is on the National Association of Towns of which give the Town a voice nationally, not just the local level.

Ms. Seeber said that the County has a survey out, the American Rescue Plan Survey, a two minute survey on the Warren County website. The County has 12.4 million dollars that is part of the American Rescue Plan Act and they are asking for your ideas to find common denominators.

The County has been talking about broadband grants and banning sparkling devices, which has become known as the "Fireworks Law", it is not fireworks. The County wants to encourage everyone to go to professional fireworks and enjoy them safely.

Ms. Seeber said she is trying to go to every Town in Warren County this year to hear if there are concerns and ways the County can improve. Rachel thanked the Town Board and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Aiken thanked Ms. Seeber for coming up and showing an interest in the North Country.

Mrs. DuRose said many thanks to the Health Department and Janelle for everything they have done. Ms. Seeber commented that the vaccination rate in Chester is 72.9%. Supervisor Leggett

said that the County has been a great resource. Ms. Seeber said that New York is not in a State of Emergency and the County's ended when New York ended and County is just looking at messaging. If you feel sick, if you have been exposed, or if you feel uncomfortable please wear a mask, take sick time if you can, or work from home if you can. We are still waiting for guidance from the State, but for now we are going to do our best to keep everyone safe and remember if you want a vaccine we have easy access.

Supervisor Leggett closed Privilege of the Floor at 8:05 pm

Old Business:

Dog Park:

Supervisor Leggett asked Bill Millington to speak about what they have done for the dog park.

Bill Millington said that they staked out the proposed area on Little Tannery Road.

Mr. Aiken asked about funding and the workload. Bill replied that the workload should not be a big deal, there are volunteers who are willing to help. They just need the Board to put it out in the community that they are proceeding with this so they can organize it and get it done.

Supervisor Leggett asked if they had a ballpark cost for the fence. Donna Millington replied that they, Asko Fence, were supposed to get back to her on Monday. Mr. Aiken asked if this was a permanent fence or a snow fence like Lake George. Bill commented that Lake George has a very nice dog park, but this will have a permanent fence. Bill said that he spoke with Craig about putting trees down there too to dress it up a little.

Mr. Turcotte said that we will have to keep it in mind to add a line item when budget planning to set money aside. Mr. Aiken added that it needs to include long term maintenance. Bill said that we could use chips from the Landfill. Bill said they could do fundraising.

Mrs. DuRose asked Supervisor Leggett if he found a resolution where the Board actually said that the property was for the VanWeelden Park. The Town Clerk replied that she had not yet. Supervisor Leggett commented that there was support for the conceptual plan which is where we are for the dog park, but we would like to move to forward tonight. Mrs. DuRose said we have had a line item in the budget. Craig said they were great plans but now it competes with the redundant well that needs to be on this side of the river. In 2012, Cedarwood Engineering did a water district assessment and recommended putting a redundant well over there at the end of the line. So at this point all of the funding that would be needed for that and the labor that is required our best bet is to go with something that is pretty simple and straight forward like a dog park on that Town property.

Mrs. DuRose said so tonight we could approve the conceptual plan and then the next step would be for the committee to bring to the Board the map and perhaps an outline of fundraising and when they would be able to start. Craig replied that it would be good to have the Town's commitment at this point, because it shows that we are in the game and we are willing to put something into it and stand behind it so when this community based group goes out there asking

for money they know that it is going to a definite end of a dog park, not just a maybe, that after doing all that work that the Town Board at some point says no, we decided not to, because that does not put anybody in a good position and he think they all need to move forward together on this and would like to see a Town Board Member on the committee for what we will call an advisory committee for the dog park. Craig said about six people on the committee to get specs and concerns and lay it all out and present at the next Town Board Meeting and use some of our Parks and Rec. budget for this year. Craig said he is excited about this community led project.

Craig asked what Board Member would like to serve on this committee. Mrs. DuRose volunteered. Craig thanked Karen. Craig set up a meeting for Wednesday, August 18th at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2021: TOWN BOARD SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF A DOG PARK

RESOLVED, the Town Board supports the creation of a dog park on Town land on Little Tannery Road.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 110 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Supervisor Leggett closed Old Business at 8:21 pm.

New Business:

Supervisor Leggett opened New Business at 8:22 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 111 OF 2021: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE USE CHART OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ZONING LOCAL LAW ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AT 7 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester has received correspondence dated July 26, 2021 from the Adirondack Park Agency that the proposed amendments to the Town of Chester Section 4.02 Use Chart are approved by the Adirondack Park Agency pursuant to the terms of the Town's Approved Local Land Use Program (ALLUP),

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Chester Town Board schedules a public hearing on September 14, 2021 for the proposed amendments to the Use Chart of the Town of Chester Zoning Local Law at 7 p.m. at the Town of Chester Municipal Center.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 111 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Septic Variance Application (#SV2021-04) for Campbell:

Supervisor Leggett introduced Bret Winchip from Winchip Engineering, representing the Campbells.

Bret Winchip said that the Campbells would like to convert the building to have one apartment on one side and his shop on the other. There are multiple variances:

SETBACK SCHEDULE

SETBACK	REQUIRED DISTANCE	EXISTING DISTANCE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMITY		PROPOSED DISTANCE	PROPOSED VARIANCE	
			DISTANCE	PERCENT		DISTANCE	PERCENT
EXISTING SEEPAGE PIT TO EXISTING BUILDING	20'	8.4'±	11.6'±	58.0%±	-	-	-
EXISTING SEEPAGE PIT TO WETLANDS	100'	0.2' ±	99.8'±	99.8%±	-	-	-
EXISTING SEPTIC TANK TO EXISTING BUILDING	10'	0.6' ±	9.6' ±	96.0%±	-	-	-
EXISTING SEPTIC TANK TO WETLANDS	50'	5.5' ±	44.5' ±	89.0% ±	-	-	-
PROPOSED ABSORPTION BED TO EXISTING BUILDING	20'	-	-	-	7.3'	12.7'	63.5%
PROPOSED ABSORPTION BED TO EXISTING BARN	20'	-	-	-	17.9'	2.1'	10.5%
PROPOSED ABSORPTION BED TO WETLANDS	100'	-	-	-	58.0'	42.0'	42.0%
PROPOSED BUILDING SEWER TO WETLANDS	50'	-	-	-	8.3'	41.7'	83.4%
PROPOSED PRECAST CONCRETE SEPTIC TANK TO WETLANDS	50'	-	-	-	8.9'	41.1'	82.2%
PROPOSED EFFLUENT LINE TO WETLANDS	50'	-	-	-	15.6'	34.4'	68.8%
PROPOSED PRECAST CONCRETE PUMP CHAMBER TO WETLANDS	50'	-	-	-	16.8'	33.2'	66.4%
PROPOSED 2" FORCE MAIN TO WETLANDS	50'	-	-	-	23.5'	26.5'	53.0%
PROPOSED 2" FORCE MAIN TO EXISTING BUILDING	20'	-	-	-	7.2'	12.8'	64.0%

Discussion ensued on whether to refer the septic variance application to Cedarwood Engineering.

RESOLUTION NO. 112 OF 2021: DEEM SEPTIC VARIANCE APPLICATION #SV2021-04 FOR CHRIS CAMPBELL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 54 RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO BE COMPLETE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AT 7 P.M.

WHEREAS, Winchip Engineering has submitted a Septic Variance Application (#SV2021-04) for Chris Campbell for property located at 54 Riverside Drive, Chestertown, New York, Tax Map #: 104.10-6-8, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, has reviewed the septic variance application and is satisfied with its completeness,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, deems Septic Variance Application #SV2021-04 for Chris Campbell for a property located at 54 Riverside Drive, Chestertown, New York to be complete, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, sets a Public Hearing for #SV2021-04 on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7 pm at a Regular Town Board Meeting and directs the Town Clerk to notice the public hearing in the Post Star newspaper.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 112 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Septic Variance Application (#SV2021-05) for Grimaldi and Stefanucci:

Supervisor Leggett introduced Bret Winchip from Winchip Engineering, representing Christopher Grimaldi and Michele Stefanucci.

Bret read the following from the Town of Chester On-Site Wastewater Treatment Local Law:

ARTICLE IV
PREEXISTING SYSTEMS
Section 4.010 – Continuation of Preexisting Systems

Subject to the provisions of this ordinance, the use or maintenance of a preexisting wastewater treatment system may be continued without a wastewater treatment system use certificate provided it shows no evidence of failure but it shall be unlawful to alter, repair or enlarge such systems except in conformity with the provisions herein. Wastewater systems and or properties within 200 feet of lakes, streams or ponds must be inspected by a licensed professional engineer and Town Zoning Administrator prior to the sale, gift or transfer of the property. This inspection shall include a test pit in the leachfield and an examination of the leachfield. This article shall not be construed to allow any unsafe use or structure, or permit such structures or their use when such structure or use constitutes a threat to public health, safety, welfare or environmental quality; permits the seepage of wastewater to ground surface; or interferes with the enjoyment or use of property.

Bret said he gets calls on this and refused to do it because there is no stipulated outcome. The inspection has no requirements.

SETBACK SCHEDULE

SETBACK	REQUIRED DISTANCE	EXISTING DISTANCE	EXISTING NON-CONFORMITY		PROPOSED DISTANCE	PROPOSED VARIANCE	
			DISTANCE	PERCENT		DISTANCE	PERCENT
EXISTING SEEPAGE PIT TO EXISTING BUILDING	20'	2.1'±	17.9'±	89.5%±	-	-	-
EXISTING SEEPAGE PIT TO EXISTING DRILLED WELL	150'	86.4' ±	63.6'±	42.4%±	-	-	-
EXISTING SEEPAGE PIT TO EXISTING NEIGHBORING SHALLOW WELL	225'	164.8' ±	60.2' ±	26.8%±	-	-	-
PROPOSED ABSORPTION BED TOE OF FILL SLOPE TO EXISTING BUILDING	20'	-	-	-	0.0'	20'	100%
PROPOSED ABSORPTION BED TOE OF FILL SLOPE TO PROPERTY LINE	10'	-	-	-	2.2'	7.8'	78.0%
PROPOSED ABSORPTION BED TOE OF FILL SLOPE TO EXISTING DRILLED WELL	100'	-	-	-	83.4'	16.6'	16.6%
PROPOSED ABSORPTION BED TOE OF FILL SLOPE TO MEAN HIGH WATER OF LAKE	100'	-	-	-	80.0'	20.0'	20.0%
PROPOSED SEPTIC TANK TO EXISTING BUILDING	10'	-	-	-	3.3'	6.7'	67.0%

Supervisor Leggett asked if it was winterized. Bret replied that he did not know.

Mr. Turcotte asked if the existing wastewater system has failed. Bret replied that he doesn't think so. When you are on-site there is no odor, there is nothing on top of the ground.

Mr. Aiken asked if this was going to be the norm going forward. Mr. Turcotte commented that generally when we approve an application it is better than what is there.

RESOLUTION NO. 113 OF 2021: DEEM SEPTIC VARIANCE APPLICATION #SV2021-05 FOR CHRISTOPHER GRIMALDI AND MICHELE STEFANUCCI FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 94 EAST SHORE DRIVE TO BE COMPLETE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AT 7 P.M.

WHEREAS, Winchip Engineering has submitted a Septic Variance Application (#SV2021-05) for Christopher Grimaldi and Michele Stefanucci for property located at 94 East Shore Drive, Chestertown, New York, Tax Map #: 69.18-1-3, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, has reviewed the septic variance application and is satisfied with its completeness,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, deems Septic Variance Application #SV2021-05 for Christopher Grimaldi and Michele Stefanucci for a property located at 94 East Shore Drive, Chestertown, New York to be complete, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, sets a Public Hearing for #SV2021-05 on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7 pm at a Regular Town Board Meeting and directs the Town Clerk to notice the public hearing in the Post Star newspaper, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to refer the Christopher Grimaldi and Michele Stefanucci Septic Variance Application of Cedarwood Engineering as Town Engineer for its evaluation and opinion at the expense of the applicant.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 113 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 114 OF 2021: AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2022 ROADWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Warren County requires that a resolution be adopted in order to enter into an intermunicipal agreement,

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester will receive \$308,966.78 for snow removal and \$22,811.78 for mowing County Roads according to the agreement,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter the Intermunicipal Agreement with Warren County for such work for said amount of money.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 114 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 115 of 2021: AUTHORIZE THE TOWN BOARD TO REMOVE LOOMIS LANE OFF THE LIST OF ROADS IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester deems Loomis Lane, located off Byrd Pond Road, crossing over tax map parcel 19.-1-22.13 a private road in The Town of Chester, and

WHEREAS, the landowner would like this road removed as a Private Road since there is no longer an address with that road name, and

WHEREAS, this Road no longer has an e-911 address, is no longer needed for the e-911 system and can be removed per the Warren County Planning Department, which is the local e-911 addressing authority,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Loomis Lane is hereby removed from the official inventory of roads in the Town of Chester.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 115 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 3 NO 0
Recused - Mr. Turcotte

**RESOLUTION NO. 116 OF 2021: ACTION ON MARSHAL FISH TURNAROUND
LAND TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, Andrew Barker (the “Applicant”) is the owner of the parcel of land known as 44 Marshall Fish Road and described as Tax Map No. 51.-1-51 (the “Property”) which includes the terminus of Marshall Fish Road (the “Road Terminus”); and

WHEREAS, the Road Terminus has been used by the Town Highway Department as a turnaround pursuant to an Easement Agreement with Mr. Barker and has not been used by the public for travel as a roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested that the Town relocate the turnaround to a point northeast of the existing turnaround and discontinue the portion of Marshall Fish Road currently used as a turnaround; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is the sole owner of lands affected by the proposed discontinuance and the requested discontinuance would not affect use of the remainder of Marshall Fish Road; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has agreed to enter into a new Easement Agreement upon release of the current Easement by the Town which would provide a new turnaround for Highway Department vehicles northeast of the existing turnaround as shown on the map by Magee Land Surveying entitled “Map of a Survey for a Proposed Easement to be conveyed to the Town of Chester from Andrew Barker” (the “Survey Map”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Highway Law §207, the Applicant has made application to the Town of Chester Highway Superintendent to discontinue the Road Terminus as a portion of Marshall Fish Road as described therein; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has filed an Order with the Town Clerk directing and ordering that the terminus of Marshall Fish Road as depicted in the Survey Map be discontinued and abandoned for public use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Upon execution of the new Easement providing a relocated turnaround for Town Highway vehicles, the Road Terminus will no longer be needed for any Town purpose.
2. Fair and adequate consideration for release of the current Easement over the Road Terminus is being paid to the Town in the form of conveyance of the new Easement to accomplish the same public purposes for the Highway Department.
3. This Resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Article 7 of New York Town Law and shall not take effect until such time as provided therein. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to post and publish the notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum.

4. The exchange of easements is contingent upon no Petition for referendum being filed or, if a Petition were filed, approval of the release of the current easement by the electors.
5. The Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Town Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such instruments and documents as may be necessary in connection with the release of the current Easement and formalization of the new Easement as described above.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 116 of 2021 was **ADOPTED.**

AYE 4 NO 0

Darrowsville Cemetery Property:

Supervisor Leggett asked if there was a deed. The Town Clerk replied that there was a quit claim deed.

Mark Schachner, Attorney for the Town, replied that the Historical Society did receive a deed but under the Religious Corporation Law it needs to be blessed by a Supreme Court Judge. That did not happen. There is a way to make that happen which requires legal process or we can accept the deed.

Supervisor Leggett said the Board would pick it up at a later date.

RESOLUTION NO. 117 OF 2021: AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN RELATION TO CULVERT PLANNING AND DESIGN ON STOCK FARM ROAD

WHEREAS, the culvert located on an unnamed tributary at 180 Stock Farm Road has experienced issues in the past that included flooding and an accumulation of debris due to severe storm events. This culvert has been identified in the Town's Hazard Mitigation Planning Annex for replacement,

WHEREAS, Warren County Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD) is seeking funding on behalf of The Town of Chester from the NYSDEC for planning and design of a new crossing in the sum of \$30,000. The Warren County SWCD will use up to \$2,000 from the grant to oversee the project and will provide a \$750.00 personal match. The Town of Chester will be responsible for a \$2,583 in-kind match which will include equipment and labor provided by the Town,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board ratifies the Supervisor's signing of this Agreement with Warren County SWCD for the Stock Farm Road Culvert project.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No.117 of 2021 was **ADOPTED.**

Rename Trout Brook to Stone Bridge Creek

Supervisor Leggett said the Town has had a request to change the name of Trout Brook, a 15.7-mile-long tributary of the Schroon River in Warren County and Essex County, to Stone Bridge Creek. The stream flows through the Town of Schroon and the Town of Minerva, both in Essex County, into the Town of Chester in Warren County.

Mr. Turcotte asked Mr. Schachner if you could just change names of creeks and mountains. Mr. Schachner replied that we can change it to whatever you want but it won't be changed on official maps and there is quite the process to change it on maps.

Ms. Seeber commented that the County has been asked their stance as well. They are just looking for no objection. We are just one little piece in the process.

Supervisor Leggett contacted Greg Beckler by email.

Ms. Seeber read Greg Beckler's email response:

After reviewing the proposal, I would be in favor of returning the name to it's original name, Stone Bridge Creek, as it will be unique in NYS and avoid confusion with the other Trout Brooks.

In addition, the original creek name refers to the Adirondack Natural Stone Bridge, a NYS natural geological wonder: the largest cave entrance in the East (and largest marble cave entrance in the USA). The creek disappears under the Stone Bridge and reemerges hundreds of feet downstream. The original name is a tribute to this significant geological feature, formed by the creek.

Supervisor Leggett asked if the Board should put it out to the whole Town.

Ms. Seeber commented that the Warren County Planning Board did not see an issue.

Supervisor Leggett said they will come up with a survey and follow up.

RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2021: APPROVE HIRE OF BOAT WASH ATTENDANT

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for Boat Wash Attendant at Loon Lake, and
WHEREAS, the Town has advertised for the position and has received an application from a qualified candidate,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the hiring of Jewell Leonbruno as seasonal part time Boat Wash Attendant starting August 11th and for the remainder of the season at the rate approved at the 2021 Organizational Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 118 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2021: APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ZBA ALTERNATE

WHEREAS, the Town has advertised for Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Members, and
WHEREAS, the Town has received a letter of interest from a resident of the Town to sit on the ZBA,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board appoints Jim Batsford as ZBA Alternate for a period beginning August 11th and ending December 31, 2021, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board may reappoint Mr. Batsford for following years as needed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board directs Mr. Batsford to take the oath of office with the Town Clerk within 30 days.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 119 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Mrs. DuRose asked Ms. Seeber if you register your vehicle online, does the money go to the County or the State. Ms. Seeber said that the County does not, just like if you register your vehicle in another county Warren County does not get credit. Now with everything opening back up DMV is going to keep the drop box along with appointments and walk-ins.

RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2021: APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, the bookkeeper and the Supervisor have prepared a chart of the amendments and adjustments, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the amendments,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board accepts the following amendments and as presented.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - AUG TOWN BOARD MEETING

Code	Budget Adjustment-Increase	Amount	Code	Budget Adjustment - Increase	Amount
A2001	Park, Rec, Youth Fees	5,400.00	A7310.4	Youth Programs-Rec Contractual	5,400.00
A2012	Rec Concession Income	640.00	A7310.4	Youth Programs-Rec Contractual	640.00
SP2025	Special Rec Facility Charges	360.00	SP7110.41	Park, Contractual	360.00
SW2-2770	Well House Project	12,769.75	SW2-8320.2	Source & Supply Equipment	12,769.75
Code	Budget Adjustment-Increase	Amount	Code	Budget Adjustment- Decrease	Amount
A7140.41	Comm Rec. Beach Contractual	800.00	A7140.4	Comm Rec. Dyn Hill Contractual	800.00
DA5010.4	Street Admin - CDL Drug Testing	200.00	DA5680.4	Beaver Removal	200.00

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 120 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 121 OF 2021: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has entered the vouchers and created an Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 8 of 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed Abstract No. 8 of 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board accepts the Abstract of Claims and authorizes payment as presented.

Number 8 of 2021	
General A	\$72,347.70
Highway DA	\$71,877.40
Library L	\$588.06
Loon Lake Park District SP	\$22,001.81
Chestertown Water SW1	\$6,207.30
Pottersville Water SW2	\$1,243.22
Other TA	\$3,309.61
Total	\$177,575.10

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 121 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Supervisor Leggett asked Mr. Aiken to lead a committee on how to spend the money from the American Rescue Plan Act. Ms. Seeber commented that we may never get this opportunity again and encouraged the Board to be creative.

Mr. Turcotte presented spreadsheet for the Transfer Station.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

Supervisor Leggett asked if there was anything else to come before the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Aiken, meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

AYE 4 NO 0

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk