

Town Board Meeting held July 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Town Supervisor: Michael Marnell

Councilpersons: Don Sage, Clara Phibbs, Roger Friedman and Meg Wood

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Highway Superintendent: Dana Shaughnessy

Also Present: Albert May, Fran and Skip Mahler, Steven Cass, Steven Kinley Glen and Sue Repko, Wally and Shelley Thomas, Paul Ceresnak, Peter DeMola, Stefanie Bitter, Elizabeth Insull, David Harder, Linda Milsom, Stephen Grotto, Alan and Jane Cutler,

Supervisor Marnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag.

School Superintendent on Big Read Celebration

Schroon Lake Central School Superintendent, Stephen Grotto, gave a presentation on the Big Red Celebration. Mr. Grotto stated the School had been given a grant of \$8,600.00 from the National Endowment for the Arts. The goal is to get everyone in the community to read the same book. The

book chosen was True Grit for all to read and it will be a Frontier Town Theme.

Tentative Big Read Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Time
April 20, 2018	Kick Off Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Read Introduction • Hallie Bond – The Wild West Compared to our Frontier Village - Auditorium • Campfire Sing Along for Younger Cow Pokes • Costume Contest • Conestoga Wagon • Distribute Books 	School	6 pm – 7:30 pm
April 25, 2018	Trish Markham – Animals at Student Assembly	School	2:15pm
April 25, 2018	Trish Markham – Animals at Evening Show	Library	6:00 pm
April 27, 2018	Sandra Webber – Strong Adirondack Women	School	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
April 27, 2018	Historic Lantern Tour of Schroon Lake - Laura Corey	Around Town	7:30 pm
May 1 – 19	Historical Society Exhibit – Frontier Town/1800's	School	ongoing
May 1 – 19	Book Discussions for Students During School	School	ongoing
May 2, 2018	Equestrian Presentation for School	School	2:15 pm
May 2, 2018	Book Discussion	Senior Center	6:00 pm
May 4, 2018	Wild West Juggling Show Country Music Sing Along	School	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
May 9, 2018	Reptile Presentation - Student Assembly	School	2:15pm
May 9, 2018	Reptile Presentation - Family	Library	6:00pm
May 11, 2018	Joe Provoncha – The History of Frontiertown	School	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
May 11, 2018	True Grit – Movie 2010 Version	School Auditorium	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
May 12, 2018	True Grit – Movie John Wayne Version	School Auditorium	7:00 pm- 9:00 pm
May 16, 2018	Motivational Speaker – The Value of “Grit” Presentation and Discussion	School	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
May 17, 2018	Book Discussion – Witherbees	Wine Bar	6:00 pm
May 18, 2018	Gary Lee	School	2:15 pm
May 18, 2018	Gary Lee – Adirondack Story Teller Survival in the Adirondacks	School Auditorium	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
May 19, 2018	Wild West Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Music • Miniature Horses – Jeanette Webber • BOP – Old Tyme Children’s Games • Wild West Juggling Show – 2 pm • American Indian Dancers – 1 pm • Stage Coach or Wagon Rides • Western Arts and Crafts for Kids 		Noon – 3 pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equestrian Presentation • Restaurants and Businesses – Western Decorating Contest and Side Walk Cafes • Western Art – Make your own wanted posters - • Old Tyme Photos – Michelle Powers • Rooster Cogburn Look Alike Contest • WOKO Big Change Round Up Broadcast • Wild West Justice – Stage Coach/Bank Robbery and Dunking Criminal in the Lake Just Like at Frontier Town • Campfire – Sing along – Beach • Life Size Cut outs for Pictures • County Sheriff on Site to Talk with Children • Candle Making for kids • Live Chickens – Best Rooster Contest • Other Barnyard animals on display • Line Dancing or Square Dancing • Pony Rides • Western Food – Corn Cakes • Food Vendors • Stocks • Jail 		
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Public Participation

Jane Cutler stated there is a lot of issues with drainage problems effecting their basement and all their neighbors around them. There is quantity's of water pouring down into the movie theater basin. Our fear is that it is not going to stop our home from falling in.

Water Flow in The "Movie Theater Basin"

Schroon Lake, NY.

7/8/17

1. Rte 9 north of Fowler dumps rainwater down Fowler toward the dry wells and flows South over the Water Office parking area and toward the Movie Theater Basin but soaks into the ground largely before it hits the open pit. That pit leads to the storm sewer pipe which could connect it in a closed system as had been in existence but was altered to the open system we have today. Since this open system has been in existence, there has been continual difficulty with flooded ground, basement water and mold issues and recently, destruction of foundation integrity problems.
2. Water from the Tennis Courts flows down Broad St. but also across it in the torrential flows that we have been having and it travels across the town Water Office back parking area and into the Basin where much of it sinks into the underground clay rather than being carried through the area and out, into the Leland main storm sewer line.
3. The Rte. 9 storm sewer grille between the Smoke House and the Senior Center was disconnected and that volume of water has been generally channeled toward the open pit over the ground. The pit is prone to collecting broken branches and leaves, slowing the flow and increasing the volume of water that can sink into the clay substrate.
4. The driveway between the movie theater and the Purple Raven is a sluice way for a high volume of water dumping into the Basin and so a separate open pit was dedicated to it. Again, the water must travel to the opening before it enters the system and then flows into another open pit at the southern end of the Movie Theater Basin. That one is totally inundated by the tremendous volume that boils like a turbulent river roaring down Broad St. and trying to entering the one storm sewer grille on the East side of the road.
- 5., 6. & 7. The storm sewer grille at the base of Broad St. near Leland gets a huge amount of water. Some comes from Fowler, with the Medical building and parking lot, and the tennis courts, some from the back Town Hall parking lot, and lots of water from Broad St, itself. As this storm drain tries to empty into the southern open pit, everything backs up and the water in the Movie Theater Basin continues to deepen and sink down into the substrate. This one should not be sent into the already way over committed southern pit, but rather sent further down the line toward the lake.
7. As it stands, the water from the top of Broad St, coming from Route 9 as far up as the Catholic Church, in torrential situations, and as far east as the tennis courts and Medical Center, is a tremendous volume. Much of it is currently sent into the Movie Theater Basin and sinks in from all sides because there are no outlets to other places. The water is yearly causing erosion on the westerly side of Broad, despite efforts to build up berms to keep it moving down, and now is spilling down the washed out areas and between houses where it adds to the volume and the costly damage of at least one house .

Supervisor Marnell stated we are constructing a drainage system this fall, it will take the water from the pit. When you disturb nature, that area was wet lands and everyone around there did landscaping to make it look beautiful, but now it has been built up and water drains down. When the drain system is put in and if I have to lower the pipe from years ago to drain into it, I'm sure we will get the water out of there.

Resolution #137 To Approve the closing of Dock Street on May 19, 2018

Supervisor Marnell moved a resolution to close Dock Street on May 19, 2018 for the Wild West

Festival sponsored by the Schroon Lake Central School, seconded unanimously; carried.

Resolution #138 To Approve Minutes

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to accept the minutes for June 12, 2017 for the Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Resolution #139 To Pay Vouchers

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to pay the bills as reviewed, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

General Fund \$60,755.05 Sewer \$2,445.91 Highway \$44,747.77 Water \$ 2,016.63

Town Hall Project \$94,629.68

Resolution #140 To Approve the LC-LG Administrative Service Contract

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to sign a one year contract with the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

The Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board agrees to perform the following Post loan Approval services for the Town of Schroon Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

- File maintenance on each loan serviced by LCLGRP
- On going review and management of Glens Falls National Banks Pass Through Controls Account Statements by LCLGRP
- Quarterly postings of cash receipts and disbursements by LCLGRP
- On – going maintenance of loan journal book by Snow, Eicher, Farrar CPA's
- General Follow-up on loan delinquencies/defaults as directed by TSRLF
- Quarterly preparation of financial statements by Snow, Eicher, Farrar CPA's
- Annual preparation of federal/state tax reports by Snow, Eicher, Farrar CPA's, if required
- Annual audit of Schroon RLF Program , if required
- Legal follow-up on loan delinquencies/defaults by Bartlett, Pontiff Stewart & Rhodes Esq. as directed by TSRLF

This agreement is in effect for one year. The annual fee for services provided by the LCLGRP will be 1.35% of the TSRLF outstanding principal balance billed to the TSRLF in quarterly installments as follows, .3375% March 31st, .3375% June 30th, .3375% September 30th, .3375% December 31st.

Fees for those services provided by firms other than LCLGRP with the exception of routine services provided by Snow, Eicher, Farrar CPA's will be billed to the TSRLF on an at cost basis.

Resolution #141 Approving and Reviewing the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Form

Councilman Sage moved a resolution approving the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Form, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses

become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully

respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful

to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information

Name of Action or Project:

Confirmation and Re adoption of Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendments

Project Location Town of Schroon

Brief Description of Proposed Action:

The action involves confirmation and re adoption of the Town of Schroon Comprehensive Plan dated 1977 and the Zoning amendments which were subsequently adopted based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.

Name of Applicant or Sponsor:

Schroon Town Board

Telephone:

518 532-7737

E-Mail:

Address: 15 Leland Ave.

City/PO: State: Zip Code: Schroon Lake, NY 12870

1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?

If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that

may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.

YES

TOWN OF SCHROON

**CONFIRMATION AND RE-ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
AND SUBSEQUENT ZONING AMENDMENTS**

SEQRA SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Part 1, Question 1 – Narrative Description of Intent of Proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality

In 1976, the Town Planning Board, in cooperation with the Supervisor and the Town Board, began the process of preparing a comprehensive land use study and updating the existing zoning ordinances. Because of the magnitude of this task and the lack of Planning Board staff, the Town retained Environmental Consulting Group, Inc. (ENVICO) to assist the Planning Board. A grant from the State of New York funded the vast majority of the cost of the project.

As part of the process, the Planning Board distributed questionnaires to all Town taxpayers, including summer residents, which were to be submitted anonymously. The questionnaire sought opinions about the current state of the Town and ideas about what could be done to make the Town an even better place to live. The results of the questionnaire were discussed at a public meeting and included as an Appendix to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan includes a description of exiting land use, public facilities and services and public transportation, analysis of the results of the opinion questionnaire, goals and objectives and a general land use plan together with several maps including Existing Land Uses; Public Facilities, Transportation Plan and Trails System; Proposed Land Uses and Zoning Map.

Subsequent to preparation of the Comprehensive Plan in 1977, the Town Board adopted various amendments to the Zoning Ordinance over the years which were in accordance with the general development policy provided by the Comprehensive Plan.

Statutory requirements for adoption of zoning regulations and comprehensive plans has evolved significantly since the development of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board wishes to confirm and readopt the Comprehensive Plan and the subsequent Zoning Ordinance amendments to clarify and consolidate its endorsement of these actions. As this is simply a reaffirmation of the Town Board's position which has been held for many years, it will not affect environmental resources in the Town.

Town Attorney, Mark Schachner, went over the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2

with Town Board and they answered as followed:

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency. Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations? NO
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land? NO
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community? NO
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)? NO
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway? NO
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? NO
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:
 - a. public / private water supplies? NO
 - b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities? NO
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources? NO
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)? NO
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems? NO
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? NO

Resolution #142 To Approve the Proposed Confirmation and Re-adoption of the 1977

Comprehensive Plan and Subsequent Zoning Amendments

Councilman Sage moved a resolution confirming and Re-adopting of the 1977 Comprehensive Plan and Subsequent Zoning Amendments, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**SCHROON TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RE-ADOPTING
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND
SUBSEQUENT ZONING AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, in 1976, the Town Planning Board, in cooperation with the Supervisor and the Town Board, began the process of preparing a comprehensive land use study and updating the existing zoning ordinances with the help of Environmental Consulting Group, Inc. (ENVICO); and
WHEREAS, as part of the process, the Planning Board distributed questionnaires to all Town taxpayers seeking opinions about the current state of the Town and ideas about what could be done to make the Town an even better place to live; and
WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan includes a description of exiting land use, public facilities and services and public transportation, analysis of the results of the opinion questionnaire, goals and objectives and a general land use plan together with several maps including Existing Land Uses; Public Facilities, Transportation Plan and Trails System; Proposed Land Uses and Zoning Map; and
WHEREAS, subsequent to preparation of the Comprehensive Plan in 1977, the Town Board adopted various amendments to the Zoning Ordinance over the years which were in accordance with the general development policy provided by the Comprehensive Plan; and
WHEREAS, statutory requirements for adoption of comprehensive plans and zoning regulations have evolved significantly since the development of the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to confirm and readopt the Comprehensive Plan and the subsequent Zoning Ordinance amendments to clarify and consolidate its endorsement of these actions (the "Action"); and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that this is an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and has prepared Part 1 of a SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF); and
WHEREAS, as the only Involved Agency the Town Board is the SEQRA Lead Agency and has duly completed Part 2 of the SEAF; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board completed Part 2 of the SEAF by answering "No or small impact may occur" to all of the numbered questions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Based on its review of the proposed Action and an evaluation of the impacts that may be reasonably expected to result from the proposed Action according to the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7(c) and governed by the rule of reasonableness, the Town Board hereby determines that the proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and the particular facts and circumstances do not require preparation of an environmental impact statement.
2. The Town Supervisor is authorized and directed to indicate the Town Board's determination of non-significance by checking the second box of the Determination of Significance in Part 3 of the SEAF and signing Part 3 of the SEAF on behalf of the Town Board.
3. The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to file the completed SEAF as the SEQRA Negative Declaration for the proposed Action and to distribute and publish any necessary documents or notices relating to this Negative Declaration in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
4. The Town Board hereby confirms and readopts the Town's 1977 Comprehensive Plan.
5. The Town Board hereby finds that the zoning amendments adopted since 1977 were and are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and confirms and readopts the subsequent Zoning Ordinance amendments including, but not limited to, the following:

DECEMBER 15, 1980

APRIL 24, 1986

FEBRUARY 08, 1988

FEBRUARY 13, 1989

MAY 13, 2002

DECEMBER 1, 2011

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Letter of Appreciation for the 4th of July Events

Supervisor Marnell stated the 4th of July was wonderful and will put an ad in the paper thanking everyone who was involved to make it such a success.

Update on the Golf Course Maintenance Building

Supervisor Marnell stated the building at the golf course is coming along. Siding is being put up and the bathrooms should be ready by mid July. It will be a nice addition to have a nice building to work in and rest rooms.

Update on the Town Hall Project

Supervisor Marnell stated that the Town Hall project is on schedule. The electrician are almost done and sheet rock will be going up this week. The project should be done around Labor Day.

Set Workshop Date with Sewer Department on the Bridge Line

Supervisor Marnell stated there will be a Special Town Board Meeting to discuss the Bridge Line at Rogers Brook the meeting will be **Monday, July 24, 2017 at 12:00 PM**

Set Workshop Date with the Judge

Supervisor Marnell stated there will be a Special Town Board Meeting to discuss the Court Clerks position the meeting will be **Monday, July 24, 2017 at 1:00 PM**

Board Comments

Councilman Sage stated he had received a letter from David Clark and that they need to get working on Public Sector to bring up the employees who have 20 years of service and get them to the

high end. Councilman Friedman agreed David Clark, Jim Roblee and Skip Mahler should be at max, it is important. Councilman Sage stated that budget workshops are coming soon and they need to do something at that time. Supervisor Marnell stated that they also should do something for Jim Roblee who is training William Van Gorp with a stipend and reward him for it.

Councilman Friedman stated they had a Meeting with Schroon Lake Association and they discussed a new invasive, the woolly adelgid, it attacks Hemlock trees and spends its life on the underside of needles sucking sap, eventually killing the tree. Councilman Friedman suggested that they take down the hemlock that are located at the west end of the Golf course to get what little money they could get out of them and that it would also help the snowmobile trails. Councilman Friedman stated that there is a committee forming for the capital project of the Library expansion and that they need to do fund raising to purchase furniture and reduce the debt of the new building cost.

Public Participation

Shelley Thomas asked where the Stewart's Project stands? Steve Kinley stated new plans have been submitted to the Town of Schroon and that is where it stands.

Paul Ceresnak stated he objects to the Stewart's proposed expansion project. This will overwhelm Main Street, which is already 20% declined, at least eight stores are closed. This will cause hardship on families and quality of life issues. It seems comprehensible that this is even being considered, there are other options that Stewart's could do. You are making their financial issues, ours. It is just plan wrong and mean spirited, cruel. There is no real benefit and real hardship, this has to stop.

Glen Repko asked if Mike could talk to DOT to see if they could scrap and paint the bridge coming into Town. Supervisor Marnell stated yes he would contact them.

Peter DeMola asked can you explain the connection between the Comprehensive Plan and the Stewart's Project? Mark Schachner, the Town Attorney, stated there is no direct connection between the two. One is the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Schroon and the other is a subject of a petition for a zoning amendment that is not even been processed or acted on.

Councilman Sage moved to adjourn at 6:50 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

I, Patricia J. Savarie, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct transcript from the minutes now on file in my office and of the whole such original minutes.

Dated: July 14, 2017 _____

Town Clerk