TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 13, 2018 7:00 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7:03pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Valentine, Councilman Wensley, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Medican arrived at 7:10pm.*

PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF 2018, A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 84 ENTITLED, "COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND" TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to open the public hearing at 7:05pm regarding the matter of the Introductory Local Law No. __ Of 2018, A Local Law Adding Chapter 84 Entitled, "Community Preservation Fund" To The Town Code Of The Town Of Chester.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

The following is the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on June 1, 2018.

TOWN OF CHESTER 1786 KINGS HIGHWAY CHESTER, NY 10918

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

The Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled:

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2018

A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 84 ENTITLED "COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND" TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Be it enacted by the Town of Chester in the County of Orange, as follows:

Section 1. Title

This chapter of the Town of Chester Town Code shall be known and may be cited as the "Community Preservation Fund Law."

Section 2. Purpose

The Town of Chester has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt a Community Preservation Fund local law which help protect and preserve open and undeveloped lands in the Town of Chester. This local law will further protect historic places and properties within the Town of Chester and provide visitors and residents with additional outdoor recreational opportunities.

Section 3. Legislative Intent

This chapter of the Town of Chester Code is adopted in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions contained in New York Town Law §64.

Section 4. Community Preservation Fund

Chapter 84 entitled "Community Preservation Fund" is hereby added to the Town Code of the Town of Chester, to read as follows:

Chapter 84. Community Preservation Fund

Article I. Fund Established

§ 84-1. Title.

This chapter of the Town of Chester Town Code shall be known and may be cited as the "Community Preservation Fund Law."

§ 84-2. Purpose.

This chapter is adopted for the purpose of protecting and preserving open and undeveloped lands in the Town of Chester, including wetlands, woodlands, agricultural lands, and the other natural resources of the Town; for the purpose of protecting historic places and properties within the Town; and for the purpose of providing the Town's visitors and residents with outdoor recreational opportunities, all in accordance with the provisions of §64 of the New York Town Law and as more fully set forth within.

A copy of the proposed local law is on file and can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY.

Said public hearing will take place in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

All persons interested in the subject matter may appear in person or by agent. All written communications should be addressed to the Board at the above address.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF CHESTER

LINDA A. ZAPPALA, TOWN CLERK Dated: May 22, 2018

Supervisor Jamieson explained that the transfer tax which the Town is working on getting through the Legislature with Assemblyman Skoufis and Senator Larkin would be used for purchasing property for preservation. He added that the Town cannot get into a bidding war and could only purchase properties a seller is willing to accept at market value. Supervisor Jamieson said there are two ways to purchase properties. The first being the purchase of property for the PDR in which the Town would bond for purchasing or second, through the use of the transfer tax. He added that the tax of .75% would exempt the first \$100,000 of purchase price on homes and \$50,000 exemption on vacant land purchases.

The Supervisor read the comments received from the Orange County Planning Department with regard to the proposed local law, which follows in its entirety.



Orange County Department of Planning

124 Main Street Goshen, NY 10924-2124 Tel: (845) 615-3840 Fax: (845) 291-2533

David E. Church, AICP www.orangecountygov.com/planning planning@orangecountygov.com

Referral ID #: CHT 08-18M

County Reply - Mandatory Review of Local Planning Action as per NYS General Municipal Law §239-1, m, &n

Local Referring Board: Town of Chester Board

Applicant: Town of Chester

Tax Map #: townwide Local File #: none provided Project Name: Community Preservation Fund Law Proposed Action: Local Law to create and manage a new Community Preservation Fund, intended

protect and preserve open space in the Town of Chester

Reason for County Review: Local Law governing zoning or land use

Date of Full Statement: May 1, 2018

Comments (2 pages):

The Department has received the above referenced local law and has found no evidence that significant intermunicipal or countywide impacts would result from its approach. This is a proposal. This is a proposal of the countywide impacts would result from its approach. intermunicipal or countywide impacts would result from its approval. This is an excellent policy idea, and is supported by and consistent with the Orange County Open Space Plan, adopted in 2004 as a supplemental chapter of the Orange County Comprehensive Plan. We also recommend use of the County Open Space Plan as a supporting basis for any Community Preservation Project Plan (noted later in this memo). We also offer our Department's technical support, including computer mapping and resource inventoring (GIS) to assist the Town moving forward.

We strongly recommend the Town contact the Town of Warwick to share their experiences to gaining approval and implementing a similar initiative. Town of Warwick is the only previously approved municipality in Orange County to use this preservation financing tool.

Additionally, the Department notes for consideration (borrowing research published by the Town of Bethelem):

State law provides authorization procedures for towns to create a "Community Preservation Fund" to support local preservation efforts. Like Warwick, Chester will need special authorizing legislation from New York State to use this approach, but it could provide several advantages. Currently, 11 New York State Towns are specifically authorized to create a Community Preservation Fund (CPF) under Section 64 of the NYS Town Law. Additionally, the 25 towns in Putnam and Westchester counties have also been given blanket authorization to use this mechanism, making 36 towns in total.

A Community Preservation Fund, if authorized under state law, provides several advantages. In addition to providing a local statutory basis for open space preservation, and creating a legally distinct and protected reserve fund (better than a general reserve we could otherwise create), the legislation also provides a new local funding option to support open space protection. The law allows for establishment of a local real estate transfer tax, at local option and subject to approval by town voters. A real estate transfer tax is a levy on property sales representing a small percentage of the purchase price to be paid for by the buyer. In the case of the CPF version of this tax (there is a similar NYS transfer tax), authorized towns may establish a transfer tax of up to 2%. Towns may specify lower rates, the types of

transfers covered, and make general exemptions. For example, transactions up to an average value home or higher could be exempted. It is important to understand that this tax is not required by the legislation, however, and not all towns with authorized programs have chosen to implement the tax. For example, only 7 of the 11 towns with individually authorized CPF programs have chosen to implement a transfer tax, and to date none of the 25 towns in Westchester and Putnam Counties have implemented a transfer tax.

Towns authorized to establish a Community Preservation Fund (CPF) must do so by local law. The funds are specifically authorized to help towns preserve community character, which can include preservation of open space, agricultural and forested land; establishment of parks, nature preserves, or recreation areas; preservation of wetlands, streams and waterways, shoreline areas, wildlife habitat, greenbelts and lands of scenic or historic value.

A CPF is a dedicated reserve fund that can accept general town revenues, gifts, interest earnings, and must receive any revenues from a local transfer tax, if imposed. Funds deposited in this fund can only be used for community preservation efforts as described in the legislation and local plans. It can support the purchase and acquisition of land, interests or development rights, and/or provide for a stewardship and maintenance program (cost not to exceed 10% of the fund).

Important to note, the Town will need to create a CPF Advisory Board to review and make recommendations on acquisitions and plans. Funds can be used directly or support bonding for acquiring properties or development rights from willing, voluntary sellers. A Town authorized for a CPF must create a Community Preservation Project Plan and adopt it by local law. This is a specifically described open space plan, which must include:

• A detailed evaluation of land and resources that are prioritized as important to acquire in order to preserve the Town's community character, as described above.

An evaluation of alternatives to protect community character, including, but not limited to: fee simple
acquisition; purchase of development rights (PDR); scenic and conservation easements; and zoning
regulations, such as cluster development, density reductions, site plan and design requirements.

A Community Preservation Project Plan must be completed at least 60 days before any referendum for a real estate transfer tax, if this option is pursued and a referendum scheduled. The Town may use an adopted an open space plan in place of a new plan . Funds taken from the CPF can only be expended for projects as identified in the Community Preservation Project Plan, and the Plan must also be updated every five years.

County Recommendation: Approval

Date: May 15, 2018

Prepared by: Megan Tennermann, AICP, Planner

David Church, AICP Commissioner of Planning

As per NYS General Municipal Law 239-m & n, within 30 days of municipal final action on the above referred project, the referring board must file a report of the final action taken with the County of the Department. For such filing, please use the final action report form attached to this review or available online at www.orangecountygov.com/planning.

TOWN CLERK CHESTER, NEW YORK *Councilman Medican arrived.

Supervisor asked if there were any comments from the public.

Sue Bahren, 3103 Whispering Hills Drive, Chester, asked about the timeframe for the acquisition of lands through the PDR and the transfer tax. Councilman Valentine answered the land would be purchased first from a list of properties from offers and review board picks and presented to the Town Board for consideration. Supervisor Jamieson said transfer tax is imposed at the time of closing. She stated that since the proposition needs to be submitted to the BOE by October 1st, when does the Town have to complete its process. Supervisor Jamieson said it would have to be soon.

Tracy Shuh, Preservation Collective said she is in support of purchasing lands to preserve the character of the community, and recognizes the need to establish the fund in order to accomplish this. She said she was confused about the law and reached out to Assemblyman Skoufis. She said she is concerned that the 4 year review would not renew at the Senate level. Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged Assemblyman Skoufis for being very helpful and supportive of the bill.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilman Medican to close the public hearing at 7:20pm, there being no further comments from the public.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. _ OF 2018 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 71 ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, SAID CHAPTER TO BE RENAMED "PEDDLING, SOLICITING AND DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Medican to open the public hearing on the matter of the - Introductory Local Law No. __ Of 2018 A Local Law Amending And Replacing Chapter 71 Entitled "Peddling And Soliciting" Of The Code Of The Town Of Chester, Said Chapter To Be Renamed "Peddling, Soliciting And Do Not Knock Registry.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

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TOWN OF CHESTER 1786 KINGS HIGHWAY CHESTER, NY 10918

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

The Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled:

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2018

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 71 ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, SAID CHAPTER TO BE RENAMED "PEDDLING, SOLICITING AND DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY"

Be it enacted by the Town of Chester in the County of Orange, as follows:

SECTION 1. Title

This Local Law shall be referred to as "A Local Law Amending and Replacing Chapter 71, entitled "Peddling and Soliciting," of the Town Code of Chester.

SECTION 2: Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose of this Local Law to amend and replace Chapter 71, entitled "Peddling and Soliciting," of the Town Code of the Town of Chester, as it relates to peddling and solicitation, and to add regulations which create a "Do Not Knock" registry in an effort to further protect the inalienable right of the residents of the Town of Chester to personal safety, tranquility and privacy.

SECTION 3: Peddling, Solicitation and Do Not Knock Registry

Chapter 71 of the Code of the Town of Chester is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 71. Peddling, Soliciting and Do Not Knock Registry

§71-1. Title.

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Peddling, Solicitation and Do Not Knock Registry Law of the Town of Chester". This Chapter amends, replaces and supersedes the former Chapter 71, entitled "Peddling and Soliciting".

§71-2. Purpose.

The Town Board of the Town of Chester determines that it is in the best interest of the public to afford a just protection from peddlers and solicitors by regulating door-to-door solicitation by licensed sales agents; establishing a Do Not Knock Registry; and promulgating reasonable time and manner restrictions on door-to-door solicitation, including enforcement of the Do Not Knock Registry, and to preserve the private property, good order, peace, health, safety, welfare and comfort of the citizens of the Town of Chester.

A copy of the proposed local law is on file and can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, N Y.

Said public hearing will take place in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

All persons interested in the subject matter may appear in person or by agent. All written communications should be addressed to the Board at the above address.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF CHESTER LINDA A. ZAPPALA, TOWN CLERK Dated: May 22, 2018

Supervisor Jamieson asked if there were any public comments on the matter.

Suzanne Bellanich, Wilson Road, Chester – Ms. Bellanich asked if the Town Board would consider raising the fine from \$100 to a much higher amount to deter. She said that Monroe has \$2,500-\$5,000 and Blooming Grove has \$1,000 in fines.

Mary Luciana said the Town Board should reconsider the fee amount and make it much higher.

Supervisor Jamieson said the fees will be looked at to be more compatible with other municipalities.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to close the public hearing at 7:35pm, there being no further comments from the public.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to approve payment of the bills from the following accounts.

GENERAL FUND	180,429.76
GENERAL - PART TOWN	92,568.41
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	52,130.87
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	45,528.12
FIELDCREST WATER	304.24
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	15,812.78
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	1.219.57
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	5,346.28
GARBAGE DISTRICT	45,622.90
TRUST AND AGENCY	26,311.46
WALTON LAKE WATER	26,613.01
CAPITAL FUND	71,794.81
Grand Total	\$522,582.21

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Medican to accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings through May 9, 2018, as presented by the Town Clerk.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

FRONTIER CABLE FRANCHISE

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to set a public hearing on July 11, 2018 at 7pm at the Chester Town Hall, on the matter of the Frontier Cable Franchise and direct the Town Clerk to cause to publish a notice of same.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENT AND PILOT AGREEMENT – 215 BLACK MEADOW ROAD

Supervisor Jamieson said the Town is now in receipt of both the Decommissioning Agreement and PILOT Agreement for the Solar Project at 215 Black Meadow Road and has been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Valentine to accept the Decommissioning Agreement between the Town of Chester and Chester NY 1, LLC with regard to the Solar Project at 215 Black Meadow Road and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

Supervisor Jamieson explained that the 15-year PILOT Agreement calls for an initial annual payment of \$10,000 per Megawatt AC of Capacity with a 2% escalation per year.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Valentine to accept the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILOT) for solar energy systems between Town of Chester and Clean Energy Collective, Inc. and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

LIBRARY PAGE APPOINTMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Valentine to approve the appointment of Lindsay Sheely as Library Page, at the NYS minimum wage, to fill a vacancy.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

PLANNING BOARD RESIGNATION

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged the long term service of Barry Sloan who has submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Board. He said Barry really looked out for the Town and wishes him luck in the future.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to accept the resignation of Planning Board member Barry Sloan, effective June 20, 2018.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

LONG-TERM CARE PRESENTATION

Supervisor Jamieson asked the Board to consider entertaining a presentation to employees for long-term care insurance.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilman Wensley approve a presentation by Allstate for employee long-term insurance.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

STANDARD WORK DAY AND RESOLUTION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor Jamieson explained that each year the New York State Retirement System requires the filing of a resolution to establish the standard workdays of all elected and appointed officials.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt the following Resolution:



Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

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SUMMER CAMP EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Jamieson read the memo from Lori Streichert in regards to summer camp personnel.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Wensley to appoint the following personnel for 2018 summer camp program.

STAFF

Director Felicia Ouinn Heather Alvarez **Assistant Director Bridget Scrobe** Medical Director **Activities Director** Justin Ouiles Abigail Dembek Arts and Crafts

COUNSELORS

1.	Shane Batewell
2	Bridget Burke

2.	Bridget Burke	H.C.
3.	Owen Burke	H.C.
4.	Maya Crittendon	H.C.
5.	Frank Cucuru	H.C.
6.	Joshua Delagado	New Hire
7.	Michaela Dicurcio	New Hire

8. Ciarrah Garofalo

9. Kiara Gonzalez New Hire 10. Thomas Gregory New Hire

11. Gabrielle Gustamacchia

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21. Vincent Pungello

22. Grant Stevenson New Hire

23. Nicholas Vazquez

24. Breeze Williams New Hire 25. Haley Wilton New Hire

26. Connor Brady

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

EDUCATION REQUESTS

Supervisor Jamieson read the request from Chief Doellinger regarding an education request for Officer Santosky-Wright. The course provides students with the skills necessary to conduct successful interdiction. It will equip students with the ability to make a rapid assessment on whether narcotics activity is taking place. This rapid assessment can be enhanced by becoming familiar with current criminal trends and understanding how to use this information to confirm or deny one's suspicions. The skills learned during this course are taught not only through the classroom but through hands-on training and searching of passenger motor vehicles. Students are taught how to locate hidden compartments and electronic traps on these vehicles as

well as learning the vehicles' natural voids.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the attendance of Officer Santosky-Wright to Passenger Vehicle Interdiction training from June 26th-28th. The course will be held at the Piccatinny Arsenal in NJ. There is no fee for the course.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

HOME RULE REQUEST REQUIREMENT FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

Supervisor Jamieson explained the requirement of the Town to submit a Home Rule Request to the State Senate and Assembly with regard to the Introductory Local Law Adding Chapter 84 Entitled, "Community Preservation Fund" To the Town Code of the Town of Chester. Attorney Bonacic said upon the Board's review, the Board could approve the submission. It was the consensus to hold a special meeting in this regard.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Valentine to call for a Special Town Board Meeting on June 14, 2018 at 9am at the Chester Town Hall.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson gave an update on the senior building. He said the cable work will be complete on Monday. O&R ran the electrical but the wrong meter was installed. This will be corrected tomorrow. The building will be cleaned and ready to be opened by July 11th for the first Senior Meeting.

Supervisor Jamieson said the Parks Department crew have been busy spreading mulch at the Town parks and expanding the concession stand. He said the work is complete at the Carpenter pavilion and lights are on the fields. The new signs are being worked on. He added that the fields at Pulvirent were restored. Sue Bahren gave a special thank you to the Town for this work because of her family relation to her Uncle and Godfather, Mr. Pulvirent.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the upcoming information session on the Ward System on June 21st at 7pm. He said a presentation will be made by Dr. Benjamin from SUNY Paltz. He said the hand out would be available in advance. Supervisor Jamieson stated this was not a Town Board meeting so no questions would be taken by the members who attend. He said Preserve Chester would be planning additional speakers.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Medican asked if the Parks Department could add the Knapp's View Cemetery to their maintenance. He also asked if plaques could be given to the recently retired Planning Board members.

Supervisor Jamieson stated in advance of public comments that he will not comment on his legal issue at this time, but wanted to say to the people concerned about Town business that, in no way has Town business been compromised since this issue has arisen. He said he will continue to run the Town successfully like it has been since he became Supervisor over 4 years ago.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vincent Finizia stated that the Ethics Board needs to be resurrected. He said there have been complaints filed and the Town Board must resurrect the Board. He added that there is one vacancy for an Independent and there are several applications, which he is okay with one, and the 4 members are ready to go.

Christy Greco, 251 Pine Hill Road said that at the Village of Chester meetings, the department heads are in attendance and she asked if they could be at Town meetings. Supervisor Jamieson pointed out the Town Engineer, Town Attorney, Highway Superintendent and Chief of Police who were in attendance and are always willing to answer the questions brought to them. He said we are all lucky to have them working for the Town.

Sue Bahren, 3103 Whispering Hills Drive, said that she infers §81 of Town Law to call for a referendum for the Ward System to be placed on the ballot in a biennial election year. She asked if the Board could put the referendum on the ballot this year and, if not, could the public bring a referendum to the Town for this purpose. Attorney Bonacic answered that the Town Board is not able to put this on the ballot at the general election, and if a petition filed, it would be placed on the 2019 ballot.

Mary Luciana asked which party affiliation is required to fill the vacancy on the Ethics Board. Supervisor Jamieson answered that it is Republican.

Steve Keahon, 8 June Road said he took the photos on Conklington Road but was not the person who posted them on line. He said that person received a letter to stay off the property. He asked what could be done about an LLC disclosure law. Supervisor Jamieson said the Town would look into it.

Barbara Morrow, 4 Stephen's Place asked if the financing for the senior Center was under budget and if the financials would be made available to the public. Supervisor Jamieson answered, yes, upon project completion.

Tracy Shuh, Preservation Collective asked if the department heads could give a summary at Town Board meetings. She stated that Building Inspectors are present at other Towns' Planning Board meetings. She asked if the Town Engineer could give a report on projects within the Town, on the Planning Board level, such as Ashford Estates, Warwick Ridge and Baroda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to enter into an Executive Session at 9:00pm on contractual and personnel matters.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON AMOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Wensley to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:50pm.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala Town Clerk 2018-06-13