

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2023
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Ardisana, Councilman Holdridge, Councilwoman Smith, ABSENT: Councilman Courtenay

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq., Town Attorney, Fusco Engineering

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connie Roach, 40 Meadow Ave., acknowledged Councilwoman Smith for her 20 years of service to the Town. She said Councilwoman Smith cares deeply and has given her all to make Chester a better place for everyone and is proud to say she is her sister.

Martine DePasquale, 261 Pine Hill Road, thanked the Board for their public service. As a 4-year resident she appreciates the unique character of Chester and wants to hold on to the rural setting. She commended the climate change and comp plan committee review that can do a lot to protect land and borders and recommended establishing a joint council between the Town and Village. She said warehouse and cluster subdivisions don't match the character and places demand on wells and redirects surface water. She added that the Town needs to create a real plan that benefits farmland and open spaces. She stated the Town should work with the Village by disallowing the sale of water and exploring possible legacy funding to secure Chester as a rural community.

Matt Matossian, Tuxedo Park, NY, addressed the Board on the Sugar Loaf Holiday Festival partnership with the Town on December 23, 2023. This event will be robust with photos with Santa starting at 11am along with the Sugar Loaf Fire Department, horse and carriage rides, crafts, Grinch trailer from the Blooming Grove Stair Co, Illusionist and light show and food by Graze. He said the day will have 16-18 staff members along with Kristin Palmer and Michelle Deshler. He asked the Board to donate the space for the day.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to partner with Diamond Grade Media and allow its use of the Sugar Loaf Performing arts Center on December 23, 2023 for the Holiday Festival.

VOTE AYES (4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1):Courtenay

ADOPTED

Larry Dysinger, 46 Odyssey Drive, updated the Board on the work at the 911 Memorial. He said they have all the materials and the angles will be sandblasted by the Highway Department to blend in and then installed. He thanked Al Fusco for his donation towards supplies. Mr. Dysinger asked for an update on the Building Department Inspector and Clerk. He asked for an update on his request to have the 2023 data added into the 2024 budget. Supervisor Valentine said he will have it updated.

Tom Becker, 163 Lehigh Ave., asked for an update on the Palmer property purchase. Supervisor Valentine replied that they should close on the property today or tomorrow and then look for the Town for purchase. He noted the Surrey Meadows infiltration issues which sewer meter recorded 28,000,000 and water meter recorded 23,000,000, resulting in 5,000,000 gallons of infiltration in a year, equally 17,000 gallons per day. He asked if there was money put in the budget to work on the district issues. Supervisor Valentine replied that the Town would need a capital plan.

Lydia Cuadros, FB, asked for an update on the new well in the Sugar Loaf Water District. Al Fusco replied that once testing is finished, all three wells will be utilized with an UV system being installed in one. The water withdrawal permits are currently being worked on.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND	237,725.91
GENERAL - PART TOWN	639,460.87
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	59,398.35
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	59,450.01
FIELDCREST WATER	506.12
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	6,621.06
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	3,318.31

SURREY MEADOWS WATER	46,246.12
WALTON LAKE WATER	3,991.32
TRUST AND AGENCY	<u>11,368.76</u>
Grand Total	\$1,071,866.19

DISCUSSION: Councilman Holdridge asked if the matter could be tabled until a review of the bills could be done. The Supervisor called for a vote.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Smith, NAY(1): Holdridge, ABSENT(1):Courtenay

ADOPTED

ACCEPT MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the Minutes of the November 8, 2023, November 14, 2023, November 21, 2023 and December 8, 2023 Town Board meeting as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE AYES (4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1):Courtenay

ADOPTED

TOWN OF CHESTER TO CHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TRANSFER

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to authorize the Supervisor to sign the deed and associated documents in the transfer of property on behalf of the Town of Chester to the Chester Union Free School District.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

Attorney Bonacic explained that Al Fusco drew up the lot line change and the map is to be filed ahead of the deed. He added if the conveyance ceases to be used for school purposes, the property will revert back to the Town. Supervisor Valentine remarked that a pocket park and parking lot could be installed in the overage property.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to authorize the transfer of \$13,474.34 from DA5130.1 to DA5130.2 for the purchase of a rotary post lift from Total Tool, pending Comptroller review.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2023 - A LOCAL LAW INSTITUTING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND APPROVALS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF FIVE (5) OR MORE RESIDENTIAL LOTS OR MULTI-FAMILY OR MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS CONTAINING FIVE (5) OR MORE DWELLING UNITS

ON A MOTION BY Supervisor Valentine to introduce A Local Law Instituting a Moratorium on Certain Permits, Certificates of Occupancy and Approvals for Residential Development Consisting of Five (5) Or More Residential Lots or Multi-Family or Multi-Unit Dwellings Containing Five (5) Or More Dwelling Units

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Chester in the Count of Orange as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Local Law is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Chester and to maintain the *status quo* of certain residential development in the Town of Chester that consist of five (5) or more residential lots or Multifamily or Multi-Unit dwellings containing five (5) or more dwelling units. This Local Law will allow the Town Board a reasonable opportunity to complete its comprehensive zoning review, including the adoption of zoning regulations consistent with the Town's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. The moratorium shall be for a period of six (6) months, which is considered to be adequate time to consider such zoning regulations and amendments.

Section 2. Legislative Findings

- A. The Town Board of Chester does hereby find that appropriate measures must be taken to secure a temporary reasonable halt on certain residential permits, certificates of occupancy and approvals for development within the Town to protect the public interest while the Town Board completes its review and potential revisions to the Town's Zoning Code to implement aspects addressed in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, including the necessary compliance with the analysis and procedures mandated by the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").
- B. Without a temporary halt on certain residential permits, certificates of occupancy and approvals for development within the Town of Chester, there is the potential that certain primary residential uses could be located in areas within the Town which would be unsuitable or incompatible with the goals and objectives cited in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. The potential for such unsuitable or incompatible residential uses would have materially adverse and irreversible impacts to the Town. By maintaining the status quo on residential development consisting of five (5) or more residential lots or Multifamily or Multi-Unit dwellings containing five (5) or more dwelling units in the Town until such time as appropriate consideration and potential amendments to the Town Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan are adopted, the Board of Trustees can provide for the planned orderly growth and development of the Town.

Section 3. Moratorium Imposed; Applicability

- A. Moratorium on actions by the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals: Other than as excepted in subsection (B) below, for six (6) months following the Effective Date of this Local Law, the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals shall not process, hear, approve or sign any new or pending preliminary or final site plan, preliminary or final subdivision, special permit, variance or other land use application or permit that relates directly or indirectly to residential construction consisting consist of five (5) or more residential lots or Multifamily or Multi-Unit dwellings containing five (5) or more dwelling units, including but not limited to any grading permit, erosion and sediment control permit, wetland permit, sewer connection permit, floodplain development permit, water connection permit, which may be granted in association with such residential construction. No new applications may be accepted and no building or other permits or certificates of occupancy may be issued or granted for residential development consisting of five (5) or more residential lots or Multifamily or Multi-Unit dwellings containing five (5) or more dwelling units, other than Projects with approved and signed site plans, subdivisions plats, conditional final approval or issued building permits, prior to this enactment, are exempt from the moratorium.
- B. The following Projects, which are presently before the Chester Planning Board and have received conditional final approval, are specifically exempt:
 - i) Hills of Chester;
 - ii) Ridgeview Estates.
- C. Any applications for approvals or permits filed after the Effective Date, and not otherwise exempted from this moratorium, shall be filed at the risk of the applicants and shall not be granted or issued until this moratorium is lifted.
- D. This Local Law shall be binding on the Supervisor, Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, all Town officials and employees, including, but not limited to, the Building Inspector, and all real property owners and other applicants desiring land use approvals involving five (5) or more residential lots or Multifamily or Multi-Unit dwellings containing five (5) or more dwelling units.
- E. During the period of the moratorium, the Town Board shall endeavor to complete all reasonable and necessary review, study, analysis and, if warranted, revisions to the Town of Chester Zoning Code.

Section 4. Term

- A. This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of six (6) consecutive months from its effective date.
- B. This Local Law shall be subject to renewal for cumulative periods of up to an additional six (6) months, if necessary, by Resolution(s) of the Town Board.

C. This moratorium may be withdrawn or lifted at any time by a resolution of the Town Board.

Section 5. Effect on Other Laws

To the extent that any law, ordinance, rule or regulation, or parts thereof, are in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law, including all provisions of Article 16 of the New York State Town Law concerning special use permit, site plan, building permit and certificate of occupancy procedure and requirements, this Local Law shall control.

Section 6. Waiver

Owing to the limited scope and duration of this moratorium, there is no provision being made in this Local Law for any waivers to its applicability. However, the Town Board may, but is not obligated to, promulgate regulations by a Resolution of the Town Board authorizing a hardship waiver process to this moratorium if it subsequently determines that a waiver process is necessary and in the best interests of the Town.

Section 7. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

RESOLUTION TO INTENT TO ESTABLISH LEAD AGENCY

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana,

The Town of Chester, New York Town Board hereby declares its intent to be lead agency as required by SEQR (6NYCRR Part 617)

Name of Action: Town of Chester Local Law for Moratorium on Properties Over 5 Units

Location: Town-wide

Project: Introductory Local Law No.8 of 2023

Action: Type I - Coordinated Review

Documents: Available at Town Hall or available upon FOIL request for viewing

The Town Board had declared its intention to become Lead Agency on December 13, 2023.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Chester hereby declares its intent to be Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of the local law for a moratorium on properties over 5 units.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

SET PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2023 - A LOCAL LAW INSTITUTING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND APPROVALS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF FIVE (5) OR MORE RESIDENTIAL LOTS OR MULTI-FAMILY OR MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS CONTAINING FIVE (5) OR MORE DWELLING UNITS

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to set a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 8 Of 2023 - A Local Law Instituting a Moratorium on Certain Permits, Certificates of Occupancy and Approvals for Residential Development Consisting of Five (5) Or More Residential Lots or Multi-Family or Multi-Unit Dwellings Containing Five (5) Or More Dwelling Units on January 24, 2024 at 7:00pm.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNER RFP RESULTS

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to extend the RVP proposal return date for the Comprehensive Planner until December 27, 2023.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

IMA FOR 2023-2024 - HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN OVERTIME (STOP DWI)

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Ardisana and seconded by Councilwoman Smith and passed 4-0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Valentine, Supervisor of the Town of Chester, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Orange County IMA for 2023-2024 High Visibility Engagement Campaign for the period from November 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with an assignment of up to \$4,000 to be used by the Town Police Department during the preset enforcement periods listed on Schedule A reimbursable by the County of Orange.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

SLPAC USE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the use of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on January 6, 2024 for the annual Orange County Department of emergency Services Division of Fire Services Firefighter 1 graduation ceremony and waive the fee.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

MS-4 ACCEPTANCE - CHUSTER NOODLE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to authorize the Supervisor to sign the MS-4 acceptance form for the Chuster Noodle Packaging Commercial Building.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

SLPAC USE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the use of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on September 7, 2024 for the Knights of Columbus and waive the fee.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

SLPAC USE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the use of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on January 12, 2024 for the Sugar Loaf Historical Society and waive the fee.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

REPORTS

Police Department – November 2023

The Town of Chester Police Department continued to remain active in the community in November. We maintained our objective of community commitment and took a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws. In November, the police department responded to 251 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 15,909 miles during the month.

A breakdown of the criminal and non-criminal activity for the month is included below:

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The Town of Chester Police Department made 8 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

6	charged with Operating a Vehicle with a Suspended License or Registration misdemeanors
1	charged with Driving While Intoxicated
1	charged with Petit Larceny

Please refer to Attachment A for complete details.

NON-CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

In addition to the arrests listed above, officers also responded to other calls for service in November. A summary of those calls for service is as follows:

27	medical calls
20	residential, commercial or automatic fire alarms
16	reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity
16	disturbances, disputes, family court matters or domestic complaints
1	motor vehicle crash with injuries
4	motor vehicle crashes without injuries
8	motor vehicle crashes involving deer

Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.

Officers also issued 113 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

SEX OFFENDERS

There were no changes to the sex offender registrations for our residents in November.

LEVEL	BEGINNING OF MONTH	END OF MONTH
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	0	0
TOTAL	3	3

COMMUNITY POLICING

During the month, Town of Chester police officers assisted members of the community in many ways. Some of the community policing activity is listed below.

Officers completed no house security checks and 1239 business security checks.

Administrative Sergeant Vitale and SRO Perez were guest speakers during a Veterans' Day event held at the Chester Academy.

Sergeant Dugan and Officers Bird, Weinstein, Stack and Narain continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations.

Officer Santosky-Wright worked with the Sugar Loaf Chamber of Commerce to plan for their upcoming Holiday Celebration in the hamlet on December 9th.

Officers were assigned to foot and UTV patrol at the Chester Academy Varsity Football game in the Chester Commons Park on November 3rd.

We continued to assign School Resource Officers to the Chester Academy and Chester Elementary School during each school day. Officers Perez, Deluca and Donato are fulfilling this assignment.

TRAINING

Chief Doellinger attended the NYS Intelligence Summit in Bolton Landing on November 16th and 17th. Our department monthly training session for November was held in our training room on November 14th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chief Doellinger and Sgt. Chambers attended the annual community Veterans' Day services at the Main Street fire-house on November 11th.

Chief Doellinger attended a Community Breakfast at the Bellvale Bruderhof on November 14th.

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on November 1st and 15th with the NYS Department of Transportation. Ten vehicles were inspected and eight unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

SCHEDULING

There were 248.75 hours of overtime paid in November.

Part-time police officers were used for 204 hours of patrol coverage (204 regular hours and no overtime hours).

Shift Coverage	177
Monthly Training	24
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	14
Stop DWI	9
Court Officer Details	8.25
Investigations	5.5
Late Calls/Arrests	3.75
K9 Overtime	3.25
School Resource Officer Overtime	3
Daylight Savings Time	1

ARRESTS – NOVEMBER 2023

TC-00130-23	10/31/2023	35M Bowling Green, KY	VTL 051101AAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00131-23	11/2/2023	28M Chester, NY	VTL 051102A4 AGG UNLIC OPER-2ND:3>SUSPENSNS VTL 051101AAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00132-23	11/6/2023	16F Goshen, NY	PL 155.25 PETIT LARCENY
TC-00133-23	11/7/2023	22M Monroe, NY	VTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD VTL 0512MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00134-23	11/8/2023	27M Bronx, NY	VTL 051101AAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00135-23	11/11/2023	32M Chester, NY	VTL 1192 03 DWI- 1ST OFFENSE VTL 1194 018 REFUSAL TO TAKE BREATH TEST
TC,00136-23	11/22/2023	24M Newburgh, NY	VTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00137-23	11/28/2023	31M Middletown, NY	VTL 051101AAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD

CALLS FOR SERVICE – NOVEMBER 2023

911HANGUP CALL	8	INFORMATION ONLY	24
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	2	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	4
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	8	K-9 DEPLOYMENT	1
AMBULANCE ASSIST	27	K9 DETAIL	6
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	10	LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	5	LARCENY	1
ARREST/DWI	1	LOCKOUT	2
ARREST/TRAFFIC	5	LOST PROPERTY	2
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	15	MVC/CAR/DEER	7
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	2	MVC/NO REPORT	2
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	1	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	1
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	10	MVC/PROPERTY.DAMAGE	2
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	12	NOISE COMPLAINT	1
BAD CHECK	1	PARKING PROBLEM	1
CITIZEN SERVICE	5	PROPERTY RETURN	1
CIVIL MATTER	7	PROPERTY SAFEKEEPING	1
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	2	SCHOOL SAFETY	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2	SHOTS FIRED	1
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE	1
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	3	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	16
DISABLED VEHICLE	2	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	3
DISTURBANCE	2	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMNT DETAIL	1
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	8	TRANSPORT	1
EMOT DISTURBED PERSON	1	TRESPASS	1
EQUIPMENT CHECK	7	UNATTENDED DEATH	2
FAMILY COURT MATTER	3	UNWANTED PERSON	1
FIRE	2	VEHICLE OFF ROADWAY	1

TOTAL 251

Animal Control Report – November 2023

During the month of November 2023, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 15 animal complaints and investigated 8 motor vehicle crashes involving a deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

7 of the calls for service were for an injured or sick raccoon
3 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
1 of the calls for service was for an injured deer
1 of the calls for service was for a person bitten by a dog
1 of the calls for service was for a dog that attacked another dog
1 of the calls for service was for a dog that attacked some chickens
1 of the calls for service was for a bobcat sighting

Warwick Valley Humane Society

The monthly report for November from the Warwick Valley Humane Society follows:

All totals include calls from the Town of Chester, Village of Chester, Village of Sugar Loaf, and Orange County 911 Center for calls located within the geographic area of the Town of Chester.

Number of calls received:	6	0 Police, 6 others
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	0	
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	0	
Number of dogs impounded by Police	0	
Number of dogs returned to owner:	1	#21457
Number of after hour call-outs:	0	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$50.00	#21457
Amount of license fees collected:	\$10.00	#21457
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$50.00	#21457 paid 12/6 check #17589
Amount of license fees collected:	\$10.00	#21457 paid 12/6 check #17590
Number of hours of enumeration:	9 hrs.	
Number of bite reports received:	0	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	0	
Number of unlicensed dogs:	14	
Status of unlicensed dogs:	4 received summonses per Town Clerk, 10 received Notices to Comply	
Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter:	2 adult cats	

Notes: 10 delinquent license notices to comply prepared and delivered to various addresses per the Delinquent Dog Report from Town Clerk, 4 summonses for failure to license prepared; enumerated various addresses in Whispering Hills per Delinquent Dog Report prepared by Town Clerk.

SNR certificates sold in November: 0. Note: SNR certificates available by appointment only.

Note: Shelter is open by appointment only Monday through Sunday, 12-4pm for pre-approved adoptions, return to owners and SNR certificates, visitors and volunteers.

Sugar Loaf PAC Year End Update

Another fun year is coming to a close at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center. I would like to mention a few events we have done here at the SLPAC.

We have had:

OC Fire Dept Graduation Ceremonies
Local Dance studios did their mid-year and end of year shows
Chester Police Dog Trainings
Historical Society Gatherings
Save the Mountain Seminars
40+ concerts w/names such as Kevin James, Bacon Bros, Ryan Adams & Rob Schneider
10-minute Play Festival
FREE Sundays in the Loaf Concerts
Music for Humanity shows
FREE Community Kids Magic Show
Wednesday Night Town Free Concert Series
OC Emergency Services Classes
Sugar Loaf Film Festival
Keller Williams 20th Anniversary Party
Halloween Festival Trunk or Treat Event
Danny Mulvey Cornhole Tournament
Comedy Festival
Gemach Hatzolah & Cong Rotz Lemishna theatrical productions
Sweet 16, Birthday, Graduation & Retirement Parties
Two Weddings took place
Senior Casino Night & Knight at the Races
FREE Maybrook Wind Ensemble Concert
Finishing off the year with the Holiday Festival

Front Parking Lot and pavilion parking lot was paved and lined through a grant. Four Electric Charging stations were installed along with additional ADA parking through a grant as well. Side Parking lots were paved by the highway dept with recycled millings from town roads.

All parking lot lighting and electrical outlets were addressed and fixed to make the parking lots safer.

Thousands of guests and residents came through the theaters and all left with smiles on their faces. Hundreds of people stopped and thanked the town for providing this Arts Center for their enjoyment.

Revenue Budget Goal for the year was \$238,000. Revenue generated is in excess of \$300,000.

We're looking forward to our full schedule of events that are slated for 2024.

All are invited to the Sugar Loaf Holiday Festival on 12/23/23 from 11pm – 3pm. The PAC is decorated with Holiday lights and more.

All have a GREAT Holiday Season.

Parks Department Monthly Report - November

-Park facilities have been closed for the winter. The water is shut off and bathrooms locked until spring.
-Parks and maintenance staff participated in decorating the outside of the SLPAC and will now move to indoor projects and maintenance during the winter months
-Chaperoned an overnight bus trip to Lancaster (2 buses went).
-Held our first TOC Rec basketball clinic on Saturday 12/9/23 the second will be this Saturday 12/16/23 and the regular season will begin January 2, 2024. We have 74 registered players from grades 1-8.
-Attended several shows at SLPAC.

-Park & Rec has collaborated with DGM to create a fun filled exciting Holiday community event ... Saturday 12/23/23 at the SLPAC Santa and Mrs. Clause will be arriving via firetruck and police escort at 11:00am. Don't miss it!
-Participated/chaperoned a class at the senior center creating holiday centerpieces run by the Cornell Cooperative Extension.
-Participated in a meeting to map out summer camp program and assist Michele in planning..... more public sessions to follow.
-Routine daily operations

Engineer

1. Greens at Chester: Site work has not restarted. Transportation Corporation was approved. Awaiting plans for tank, approval of wells, etc. Stormwater systems working properly.
2. Cappelli Sports: Stormwater systems working properly. Landscape looking better.
3. Walton Lake Water system: Grant should be announced in the next 30 days, hopefully.
4. Sugar Loaf Water District: Testing complete. WSP filed a report to move forward. We need to meet to finalize work plan.
5. Assisting with Building Department inspections and permits, certificate of occupancy (C.O., etc. Myself and two of my employees have taken the Oath of Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New York Transco announces upcoming extended work hours on the Rock Tavern to Sugar Loaf Upgrade for activities off Sugar Loaf Mountain Road from December 7th and during the week of December 11, 2023, with minimal noise occurring during the 24-hour work period.

Walton Engine and Hose announces "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" on December 16, 2023 with approximate stops throughout the Village and Town of Chester from 12noon through 3:20pm. Further details on Chester-NY.gov.

Walton Engine and Hose announces "Breakfast with Santa" on December 17th from 8:00am-11:30am. \$12 p/adult, seniors and kids 5-12: \$6.

Senator James Skoufis announces "Stuffed Animal Giveaway on December 19, 2023 from 3:30pm-5:30pm at the Thrall Library, 11-19 Depot St., Middletown, NY sponsored by PetSmart.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to enter into Executive Session on a matter of personnel at 7:55pm.

VOTE: AYES(3): Valentine, Ardisana, Smith, RECUSED(1): Holdridge, ABSENT(1): Courtenay **ADOPTED**

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:10pm.

VOTE: AYES(3): Valentine, Ardisana, Smith, RECUSED(1): Holdridge, ABSENT(1): Courtenay **ADOPTED**

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to refer the pending complaint to the Ethics Board.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Holdridge asked Attorney Bonacic asked if Supervisor Valentine should have been recused from the matter with regard to the press conference since it involved him. Attorney Bonacic replied the action was of what took place not the parties involved and so he can vote on the matter.

VOTE: AYES(3): Valentine, Ardisana, Smith, ABSTAINED(1): Holdridge, ABSENT(1): Courtenay **ADOPTED**

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Holdridge asked the status of the Planning Board member vacancy and Building Department clerk. Supervisor Valentine said he is awaiting the list from the County and received three good candidates and possible lateral transfers for Building Inspector.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to request Letters of Interest for the position of Planning Board member and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

Councilman Holdridge asked the status of the water main extension from the theater through the Hamlet. Supervisor Valentine said the water agreement with Broccoli Patch would have provided for the extension through the theater parking lot for which the Town received quotes of \$400,000. He announced the Main Street in Sugar Loaf to be owned by the Town on December 31, 2023, with the long-range plan to extend through the Hamlet since it doesn't have fire protection and would expand the water district.

Councilman Holdridge asked in the next Town Board meeting would be cancelled since it was near the holidays. Supervisor Valentine said it was in the middle of the week. Councilman Holdridge extended a Happy Hanukah.

Councilwoman Smith said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Councilman Ardisana extended a thank you to Supervisor Valentine and Councilwoman Smith for their years of service.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

VOTE: AYES(4): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT(1): Courtenay

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2023-12-13