

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
March 27, 2024  
6:15 PM**

Supervisor Holdridge opened the meeting at 6:15pm.

**Attendance Rollcall:**

Supervisor Holdridge	Present <u>  x  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Council Member Ardisana	Present <u>  x  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Council Member Becker	Present <u>  x  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Council Member Courtenay	Present <u>  x  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>
Council Member Dysinger	Present <u>  x  </u>	Absent <u>      </u>

**Determination of Quorum:**     Yes   X     No       

Also present: Elizabeth Cassidy, Esq.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to enter into Executive Session at 6:15pm on the matter of a union contract.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger** **ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:00pm.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger** **ADOPTED**

**PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024 -A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE VEHICLE WEIGHT ON KINGS HIGHWAY FROM BELLVALE ROAD TO PINE HILL ROAD**

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The following is the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on March 15, 2024, posted to the Town Clerk’s signboard and on Chester-ny.gov.

TOWN OF CHESTER  
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY  
CHESTER, NY 10918

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TOWN OF CHESTER  
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024  
A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE VEHICLE WEIGHT ON KINGS HIGHWAY  
FROM BELLVALE ROAD TO KINGS HIGHWAY PINE HILL**

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY. Said public hearing is to hear comments on the above captioned proposed local law.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to limit the size of trucks and other vehicles permitted to travel on Kings Highway through the hamlet of Sugar Loaf. The Town Board seeks to improve the safety of pedestrians in the hamlet.

A copy of the proposed local law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for inspection during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm).

Any person interested in the proposed local law 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: MARCH 5, 2024

Supervisor Holdridge asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Supervisor Holdridge said he was happy that the Town would be making good on improvements in Sugar Loaf as requested over the years and cut down on truck traffic through the hamlet. He said he was going to contact Waze and Google to ask that the apps redirect truck traffic.

Council Member Dysinger said he was aware the Kings Highway Bypass had a name change to County 13 and hopes it will keep truck traffic out of the hamlet.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to close the Public Hearing on the matter of Introductory Local Law 1 Of 2024 - A Local Law to Regulate Vehicle Weight on Kings Highway from Bellvale Road to Pine Hill Road.

**TOWN OF CHESTER  
TOWN BOARD**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2024 A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE VEHICLE WEIGHT ON KINGS HIGHWAY FROM BELLVALE ROAD TO PINE HILL ROAD**

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WHEREAS § 1660 (10) of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) authorizes a Town Board to establish a system of truck routes excluding trucks in excess of 10,000 pounds (gross vehicle weight) from certain Town Roads

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to establish such a system with the intention of restricting trucks from traveling over Kings Highway (County Route 13) between Bellvale Road and Pine Hill Road for the purpose of reducing through traffic in the Sugar Loaf hamlet.

WHEREAS, Kings Highway in the area of the Sugar Loaf hamlet is narrow with limited shoulders. The area is frequented with high pedestrian traffic as a result of the shops, restaurants and Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center in the immediate vicinity; and

WHEREAS, introductory local law 2 of 2024 was introduced on February 28, 2024 and a duly noticed public hearing was held on March 27, 2024;

WHEREAS, the proposed action is a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby adopts Introductory Local Law 2 of 2024 as Local Law 3 of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall cause the same to be filed with the New York State Department of State and the Highway Superintendent is hereby directed to post signs in conformity with said local law.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to adopt Local Law 3 of 2024 - A Local Law to Regulate Vehicle Weight on Kings Highway from Bellvale Road to Pine Hill Road.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to limit the size of trucks and other vehicles permitted to travel on Kings Highway through the hamlet of Sugar Loaf. The Town Board seeks to improve the safety of pedestrians in the hamlet.

Section 2. Chapter 98, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, section 18, entitled “Weight Limits” is hereby amended by adding the following:

Name of Street	Weight	Location
Kings Highway	5 tons	Kings Highway (former County Route 13) starting at Bellvale Road to Pine Hill Road.

Section 3. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 4. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to section 10 of the Statute of Local Governments which provides local governments the power “to adopt, amend and repeal ordinances, resolutions and rules and regulations in the exercise of its functions, powers and duties” and is further authorized by New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1660

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and further upon the posting of signs in accordance with the New York State Uniform Highway Manual.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge said he will work with the Highway and Police Department to install the proper signage.

**Vote Rollcall:**

Supervisor Holdridge	Yes <u>X</u>	No ____	Abstain ____	Absent ____
Council Member Ardisana	Yes <u>X</u>	No ____	Abstain ____	Absent ____
Council Member Becker	Yes <u>X</u>	No ____	Abstain ____	Absent ____
Council Member Courtenay	Yes <u>X</u>	No ____	Abstain ____	Absent ____
Council Member Dysinger	Yes <u>X</u>	No ____	Abstain ____	Absent ____

**ADOPTED**

**ACCEPT MINUTES**

The matter was tabled.

## REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

### Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center

- Air Force Band put on an incredible free show for residents on St. Patrick's Day.
- Yellow Brick Joel played two shows last Thursday & Friday with Friday as a sellout. Over 1200 guests attended the 2 days and flooded the restaurants throughout the town and village.
- Garage Floor was painted in the building.
- Successful Comprehensive Plan Workshops took place 3/20 & 3/23 in the Pavilion.
- Warwick Dance presenting "Mary Poppins" weekend of 4/5, 4/6 & 4/7.
- 5 shows in theater on tap for April Melvin Seals, Damage Inc., Shania Twin, Destination Motown & Led Zepagain.

### Accounting

The Town continues to make progress in the Accounting Department. Thanks to the hiring of an Outside Consultant, Sharon Conklin, the Town has reconciled all but three of its bank accounts through December 31. However, the remaining 3 accounts need to be reconciled for the entire year of 2023. We are still working on the 2022 Audit, continue to clean up 2023 and move the town forward in 2024. The Town is finally caught up on paying bills and is back to paying bills twice a month.

Town of Chester Police Department PBA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing – Monday July 29, 2024, 10:00am - Otterkill Country Club - \$150 by June 1, 2024, \$175 after. Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, open bar, cigar tent, and prizes.

Council Member Dysinger participated in a cyber security webinar and will be contacting the webmaster and IT to see what they have in place and will report back to the Board.

### Council Member Becker's report:

I am still waiting on pricing to install the new pump at the Sugar Loaf Water District.

John Reilly is putting a price together to replace a washed-out roadway and culvert pipe leading to a well on Town owned property near the Chester Academy. This may be a project we can use ARPA funds for. Another item we may want to purchase is a 15-foot-wide mower that can be attached to one of the highway mowers to be able to mow some of the hillside at Knapp's View to better utilize the property. The estimated cost of the mower is \$21,000.

We received an engineering review of our sewer districts from Lanc and Tully. It has outlined the repairs needed at the Surrey District and different options to get the repairs done.

Council Member Courtenay thanked the attendees of the Comprehensive Plan workshops and that it is helping the committee. He announced the upcoming meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the SLPAC that is open to the public. He announced the Easter Egg Hunt at the Commons Park on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Council Member Ardisana reported a lot of cars parked at night, blocking the entrance to the Sugar Loaf Water District pumphouse. He said we need no parking signage to be placed there.

Supervisor Holdridge thanked the DOT for the pothole repair on the 17M Bridge. He announced said the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center Advisory Board is looking for members. Letter of Interest are being accepted until April 17, 2024. Supervisor Holdridge said the Ethics Board is looking for a member of any other party not affiliated with Republican or Democratic Parties. He reminded all that Summer Camp registration is still open.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lydia Cuadros, via FB, asked what well needs a pump? Council Member Becker explained it is for the back-up well. Ms. Cuadros asked what the Town is doing about the new well dug last year. Council Member Becker replied is not yet finalized as it is waiting on the hydrogeologist which there was pricing before the prior Board and he will look into the matter.

Cindy Smith asked why there was a vacancy on the Ethics Board. Supervisor Holdridge replied it is a result of Council Member Becker's resignation. She added that the comments concerning the errors and mistakes with the prior administration's budget was when the majority of the Board was sitting and had the right to look at and was responsible also.

Jeff Zahn, Sugar Loaf asked if there would be truck weight signage and how it would be monitored. Supervisor Holdridge replied that it is a learning curve but will work with the Police Department to enforce. Attorney Cassidy added that signage will be posted in accordance with the Highway manual and signs posted to turn off to the Bypass or at Pine Hill Road. Richard Logothetis said the law is a good thing and suggested "Truck Route" signage be added at County Route 13 and Bellvale Road.

### **SUMMARY OF BILLS**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to accept the summary of bills paid from the Comptroller in the amount of \$295,496.01.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

### **WAIVE SLPAC RENTAL FEE**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to waive the fee at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on June 21, 2024 for Vision Hudson Valley "Art & Placemaking".

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge read the email from Vision Hudson Valley announcing their annual conference and planned walking tour of the hamlet. Council Member Dysinger comment the Town should be incurring this expense. Supervisor Holdridge added the community members of the local organizations pay taxes, and it is a good business decision to waive the fees. All use requires insurance. Mr. Zahn commented that there are set-up requirements including microphones, tables, lighting, clean-up, garbage that should be addressed. Supervisor Holdridge said he would reach out to Vision Hudson Valley to coordinate the efforts.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

## **RESOLUTION TO DOT TO MOVE PROJECT TIMELINE FORWARD FOR 17M BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION**

### **TOWN OF CHESTER**

#### **A RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE 17M BRIDGE IN THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER BE PRIORITIZED BY THE NYS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION**

**March 27, 2024**

**TITLE:** A resolution formally requesting the reconstruction of the 17M bridge in the Village of Chester be prioritized by the NYS Dept. of Transportation

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, at 7:00 PM prevailing time:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Holdridge and upon roll being called the following were:

PRESENT: Brandon Holdridge  
Antonio Ardisana  
Tom Becker  
Robert Courtenay  
Larry Dysinger

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Holdridge, who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member Courtenay, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town Chester has received multiple complaints with respect the road conditions located at the Route 17M Bridge at the intersection of Kings Highway and 17M in the Village of Chester of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, the Route 17M Bridge has been found to be in serious deteriorating condition resulting in large potholes and craters throughout the past; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester recognizes the paving NYS Dept of Transportation has conducted on the bridge in the past which our residents are thankful for; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Board of the Town of Chester still has serious safety concerns relating to potential motor vehicle accidents and damage to vehicles traveling along the roadway due to the structural condition of the bridge;

**WHEREAS**, the Route 17M Bridge is owned and maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Route 17M Bridge is already scheduled for reconstruction in Spring 2026 (Project ID No. 856429); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester intends to seek similar resolutions from the Village of Chester and the County of Orange with respect to the reconstruction of the 17M Bridge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester formally requests the reconstruction of the 17M bridge in the Village of Chester be prioritized by the NYS Dept. of Transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Village of Chester, Orange County DPW, State Assemblyman Brian Maher, State Senator James Skoufis, and NYS Department of Transportation

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

**VOTE: AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana, Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Becker and second by Council Member Dysinger to approve the contract from Alyse Terhune, Esq. as Zoning Board of Appeals Attorney at \$205p/hour and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge said the contract prices is \$45 p/hour less than prior contract. He added only a few people responded to the request and the Board Chair vetted Ms. Terhune's background and received good reviews.

#### **Vote Rollcall:**

Supervisor Holdridge	Yes <u>X</u>	No ___	Abstain ___	Absent ___
Council Member Ardisana	Yes <u>X</u>	No ___	Abstain ___	Absent ___
Council Member Becker	Yes <u>X</u>	No ___	Abstain ___	Absent ___

Council Member Courtenay	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Dysinger	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____

**ADOPTED**

**2024 FIREWORKS PYROTECHNIC CONTRACT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Dysinger to approve the contract with Fireworks Extravaganza for the 2024 Fireworks Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$19,950 and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge said the amount is as per budget and Suburban Propane will be a sponsor.

**Vote Rollcall:**

Supervisor Holdridge	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Ardisana	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Becker	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Courtenay	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Dysinger	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____

**ADOPTED**

**2024 FIREWORKS SHOW DRONE CONTRACT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to approve the Fireworks Show Drone Contract in the amount of \$5,950.00 and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge said the amount has been budgeted and sponsors are being sought.

**Vote Rollcall:**

Supervisor Holdridge	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Ardisana	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Becker	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Courtenay	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Dysinger	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____

**ADOPTED**

**AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC PROMOTION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Becker and second by Council Member Dysinger to approve the promotion of Doug Gale as Automotive Mechanic at \$28.66 p/hour.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge explained this is \$1 p/hour more than previous pay wage and will allow more in-house work on vehicles.

**Vote Rollcall:**

Supervisor Holdridge	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Ardisana	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Becker	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Courtenay	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____
Council Member Dysinger	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Abstain _____	Absent _____

**ADOPTED**

**WAIVE SLPAC RENTAL FEE**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to waive the fee at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on April 29, 2024 for not-for-profit Leadership Orange.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**RFP FOR EMS CONTRACT FOR TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW YORK**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Supervisor Holdridge and second by Council Member Courtenay to authorize Town Attorney to draft an RFP for dedicated EMS contract for the Town of Chester.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge thanked Assemblyman Maher for sharing the Town of Montgomery RFP.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**MAP PLAN AND REPORT - EMS TAX DISTRICT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Supervisor Holdridge and second by Council Member Courtenay to authorize Lanc & Tully to draft a Map Plan and Report for an EMS Tax District.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Dysinger and second by Council Member Ardisana to appoint Michael Mal-lon as Planning Board member.

Term ends 12/31/26.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY DOOR REPLACEMENTS**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Becker to approve the Highway Garage door replacements by Paul Davis in the amount of \$24,850.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge explained that only two companies responded to request for quotes. The other quote which was slightly less at \$21,000 was for repair and replacement and not total replacement. Council Member Dysinger asked if a set of specs was sent to the responders.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**BASEMENT RENOVATION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Becker and second by Council Member Dysinger to approve the basement renovation to be completed by the Buildings and Grounds Department, not to exceed \$6,000.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge explained that the platform needs to be pulled out to make the bathroom ADA compliant and



a motion sensor light will be installed.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**WAIVE SLPAC RENTAL FEE**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Dysinger to waive the fee at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on January 4, 2025, rain date January 5, 2025 for the Orange County Department of Emergency Services NYS Firefighter 1 Graduation Ceremony.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**EDUCATION REQUESTS**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Dysinger to approve the attendance of Officer Stack to the Child Passenger Safety Update Course on April 3, 2024 at no cost and Officers DeLuca and Calderone to the NY Tactical Association Annual Conference at \$399 p/person reimbursable through grant funding.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to enter into an Executive Session at 7:45pm on a matter of personnel.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Becker to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:15pm.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

**New Business**

Supervisor Holdridge made the suggestion that the Town Board meetings begin at 6:30pm. A discussion ensued as to whether it would be more convenient for the public. Supervisor Holdridge to survey the public on the topic.

**T-MOBILE GRANT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Dysinger and second by Council Member Courtenay to authorize the Supervisor to make the grant submission, due March 29, 2024, to T-Mobile for park equipment for Chester Community Park (Carpenter) in the amount of \$50,000.

Discussion: Supervisor Holdridge explained the grant for ADA compliant equipment and pathway for disabled would cost \$115,000, leaving \$65,000 not grant funded. He said there should be money in the budget with approximately \$400,000 in ARPA funds. As the oldest park in the Town, it is the consensus that it needs the most love. We would have the award determination by May 2024.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

A further discussion ensued concerning other available grants. Supervisor Holdridge said the Orange County grant has a deadline of October 2024 but is on a first-come-first-served basis so it is top of mind. The CDBG grant that was denied last year due to the engineer report not meeting the scope of work can be reapplied this year for parking lot paving and ADA work at the theater with a new engineering report orders or work at Carpenter Field that is considered with the “green zone” by Orange County which is due June 21st.

Supervisor Holdridge explained that the Planning Board held interviews of candidates and provided their two top picks. The Town Board decided on Mr. Mallon who is an environmental science teacher and past School Board President and long-time resident of the Town.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Mullins, via FB, asked about the additional tax districts, namely those effecting Sugar Loaf with two library taxes. Supervisor Holdridge said he continues to fight and will speak with the legislature to write a bill even though the Governor contends it needs a study to be added to the budget.

Janet McElroy, via FB, said she thinks the meetings should keep the 7pm start time. She added that executive sessions should be at the beginning and not at the end and then new business and public comments. Supervisor Holdridge explained it allows for any new business coming out of the executive session and public comments relative.

Lydia Cuadros, via FB, asked why there were two executive sessions in one meeting. Supervisor Holdridge explained the first was held ahead of the regular agenda business which started at 7pm and if it was held later, it would have delayed the meeting further.

Tanlla Cassara, via FB, said executive sessions should be before the meeting.

Giuseppe Cassara, via FB, said the Planning Board appointee is a political donor to the Supervisor. Supervisor Holdridge explained the Planning Board expressed the two top choices had barely a difference between them. As it is the Town Board purview and considers the Planning Board recommendations, the consensus was it is important for the future of the Town to address the opinions of the many residents about the lack of concern about the environment with their appointment.

Cindy Smith asked if the drone show is a budgeted item and the fund to be charged and if there are now two mechanics. Supervisor Holdridge replied he was informed there was money available in the appropriate fund and that there are now two mechanics.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Council Member Courtenay and second by Council Member Ardisana to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

**VOTE AYES(5): Holdridge, Ardisana Becker, Courtenay, Dysinger**

**ADOPTED**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2024-03-27