



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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TOWN BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 16 2024 TOWN HALL – 1ST FLOOR 7 PM

6:30 Executive Session: to discuss candidates for open board seats

Salute Flag
Emergency Exits
Roll Call

Presentation

Mary Beth Bianconi from Delaware Engineering Presentation
Michael Peek from Conservation Advisory Committee/CSCTF

Public Comment (3 mins per speaker)

Supervisor Report
Town Clerk Report
Water District Report
Building Department Report
Highway Department Report
Recreation Commission Report
Other Board and Committee Reports

Discussion items: Proposed text for
Term Limits
Cannabis Opt-in
Procurement Policy
Scope for Comp Plan Committee
Wassaic Kilns

Motions:

Any of the above where there is Board consensus
Forwarding to Planning Board a proposed change to SB zoning for review

Resolutions:

Appointing Planning Board Members
Authorizing Request for Town of Amenia to Join Federally Designated Lands of the Hudson Valley
Authorizing Closure of Main Street Wassaic for Classic Car Show and Flower Event
Authorizing Extending Deadline for RFQ regarding engineering for Amenia Water District #1
Authorizing RFP for Highway Garage to be Advertised

Other Matters
Town Board Comments
Adjourn



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Resolution # ____ of 2024

RE: APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, there now exists two vacancies on the Town of Amenia Planning Board due to the resignations of Neil Kusnetz, term expiring December 31, 2026 and Matt Deister, term expiring December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, _____ and _____ have expressed their desire to be appointed to fill the vacant positions on the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.

2. The Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby designates and appoints _____ and _____ to the Town of Amenia Planning Board, effective immediately, as follows:

Appointment

(filling the unexpired term of Neil Kusnetz)

(filling the unexpired term of Matt Deister)

Term Expires

December 31, 2026

December 31, 2027

Motion made by _____

Seconded by _____

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilwomen/councilmen voting as follows:

Supervisor Blackman _____
Councilman Rebillard _____
Councilwoman Hamm _____
Councilman Winters _____
Councilwoman Ahearn _____

Dated: Amenia, New York
May 16, 2024

DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK



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Resolution # ___ of 2024

RE: AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR TOWN OF AMENIA TO JOIN FEDERALLY DESIGNATED LANDS OF THE HUDSON HIGHLANDS REGION

WHEREAS, the Highlands region, encompasses more than three million acres of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands region is an area of national significance, possessing substantial natural beauty, containing contiguous forest and productive farmland, numerous cultural and historic sites, plentiful recreation opportunities, and the protection and supply of important drinking water source for over fifteen million people; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, in bipartisanship, passed the Highlands Conservation Act, Public Law 10-421 that was signed into law by the President of the United States on November 30, 2004, designating the Highlands as a significant national conservation priority region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Conservation Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Services manages a voluntary program to assist Highlands States, local units of government, and private forest and farm landowners in the conservation of land and natural resources in the Highlands region in coordination with willing sellers; and

WHEREAS, land preservation efforts in the Highlands region, should link the parks, historic sites, wetlands, wildlife habitats, streams, rivers, reservoirs, watershed, trails, scenic and natural lands and other protected areas unique to the region for the enjoyment of future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Amenia supports being officially included in the federal Highlands boundary, as maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the

Highlands Conservation Act grant program, thereby qualifying for financial and technical assistance provided by the U.S. Congress.

Motion made by _____

Seconded by _____

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilwomen/councilmen voting as follows:

Supervisor Blackman	_____
Councilman Rebillard	_____
Councilwoman Hamm	_____
Councilman Winters	_____
Councilwoman Ahearn	_____

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Resolution No. of 2024

RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET FOR CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND FLOWER EVENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Amenia will be hosting a Classic Car Show and Flower Event on Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Barnett – Winsby, Co-Executive Director of the Wassaic Project has requested the closure of Main Street from the intersection of Firehouse Road to County Route 81 during the time of this event for public safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 104 of the Highway Law, the Town of Amenia Highway Superintendent has filed a Certificate and Notice to Close a Highway which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia has the authority to close highways in the Town of Amenia to allow for public assembly pursuant to Vehicle & Traffic Law §1660.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. That pursuant to Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1660, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby directs that Main Street from the intersection of Firehouse Road to County Route 81 shall be closed on Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Classic Car Show and Flower Event.

3. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Jeff Barnett - Winsby, Co-Executive Director of the Wassaic Project, the Wassaic Fire Department, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police and the Superintendent of Highways.

Motioned By: _____

Seconded By: _____

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Councilman Rebillard	_____
Councilwoman Hamm	_____
Councilman Winters	_____
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