

Summary
Rhinebeck Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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Present: Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia
 Deputy Supervisor Chauncey Walker
 Councilperson Allan Scherr
 Councilperson Chad Kleitsch

Resolutions

The Town Board (TB) addressed 13 resolutions, passing all 13 unanimously. Below is a summary of the major resolutions addressed and passed by the TB. Other resolutions addressed by the board may be viewed on the town's website noted in the opening paragraph.

Resolution 2024-355 - Authorize the Old Post Road Extension to a One-Way Designation.

The Town of Rhinebeck maintains the Old Post Road Extension (shortcut). Due to recent reports addressing the existence of a significant safety issue, the TB is authorizing the highway superintendent, at his request, to change the direction of Old Post Road Ext. to a one-way road, with direction of travel only from the Route 9 (south) entrance to Route 9G. Drivers heading south on Rt. 9G will no longer be able to make a left turn, using the extension as a shortcut to get to Rt. 9.

Resolution 2024-356 – Approve Change Order for Skateboard Park Funds.

Through Resolution 2024-239, the Town awarded Rampage LLC the skateboard park project for \$196,000. The TB approved the additional cost of \$20,000 for recommended, needed items. The Town intends to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the construction of the Skateboard Park, totaling \$216,000.

Resolution 2024-357 – LaBella Associates Rhinecliff Traffic/Parking Study.

Due to the increased number of commuters using the roads and parking areas in Rhinecliff when using Amtrak, the Rhinecliff hamlet is facing problems with parking overflow, long-term parking in residential areas, and traffic. To address this issue, the Town has asked LaBella Associates, a Poughkeepsie-based engineering firm, to design a comprehensive parking plan for the hamlet.

According to the proposal submitted earlier by LaBella, it understands the following:

- The Rhinecliff Hamlet encompasses the street network adjacent and in close proximity to the Rhinecliff Amtrak train station.
- The Town of Rhinebeck desires to establish new on-street parking regulations in the Rhinecliff Hamlet with the goal of restricting long-term and overnight parking on public streets.
- The new, on-street parking regulations will consist of a mixture of 15- or 20-minute parking in front of the Rhinecliff Post Office, three or four-hour parking near restaurants and the library, and no parking anytime elsewhere. These details will be refined during further conversations and study.
- Overnight parking in the Town-owned lot at the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Charles Street shall be allowed by permit only. (*)
- Two one-way street conversions (Loftus Road and Hutton Street) are to be included.
- The Town requests maps showing existing and proposed on-street parking conditions.
- Few of the Town's parking regulations are codified as local laws. The proposed changes to the parking regulations in the Rhinecliff Hamlet will require new local laws to be drafted and accepted by the Town Board.

(*) Two board members raised the issue as to whether or not this parking area would be limited to Rhinecliff residents only, or would it be open to all town residents. It was recommended and approved that this matter be referred to town attorney, Warren Replansky, for review.

It was resolved that LaBella Associates be hired to conduct the parking/traffic study for a fee not to exceed \$15,000, with funds from budget line 8020-499 for Zoning Revisions.

Resolution 2024-359 – Sprinkler System for TTSM Park Sports Field.

The turf field at the Thompson Mazzarella Park has a sod perimeter that needs to be watered regularly by the town maintenance department. This task has become time-consuming for the department staff and, as a result, the maintenance supervisor has asked the Town to purchase a sprinkler system to facilitate the watering of the sod.

The maintenance department has requested and received two quotes for a sprinkler system. Based on these quotes, the Town would like to spend approximately \$6,000 for this project. It would be installed by the maintenance department who will need to spend approximately \$4,000 for the installation costs.

The sprinkler system and installation expenses were approved not to exceed \$10,000 with funds from 000-06-7110 485 Multi-Use Field at TTSM Park.

Resolution 2024-360 – Appoint Ronald Kollar to the Historic and Archeological Preservation Advisory Committee (HAPAC) to Fill Unexpired Term.

Due to the resignation of Ann Wentworth, HAPAC Co-Chairs Katheen Hammer and Warren Temple Smith recommended the appointment of Ronald Kollar. The TB approved his appointment to fill the remainder of the 4-year term ending 12/31/2025.

Resolution 2024-362 – Indoor Volleyball Program for Recreation Department.

The TB approved the Adult Indoor Volleyball Program for the 2025 winter/spring season. The schedule is as follows:

- Day/Time: Wednesdays 7:30pm-9:30pm
- Dates: January 8, 15
 February 5, 12, 19, 26
 March 5, 12, 19, 26
 April 2, 9, 23, 30
 May 7, 14, 21, 28
 June 4, 11, 18, 25
- Place: Chancellor Livingston Elementary School Gym
- Cost: \$40 for Full Session 1/8-6/25 and 20 for Half Session 4/9-6/25

- Instructor/Coach – Jason Brown

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

A resident asked if the TB had received any information from the County regarding the status of the South Mill Road/County Rt. 85 closure. Supervisor Spinzia stated that there was a report prepared by the County that would be released by the end of this year. While there was some discussion/comments about the road and its history of maintenance problems, the TB did not have any specific updated information as to when or how this problem would be addressed by the County.

Another resident inquired if the TB had any information regarding the proposed Community Preservation Fund that was discussed at the March 25, 2024 meeting. Supervisor Spinzia stated that this matter will be addressed in the upcoming year when the TB will have full membership with the addition of Dana Peterson.

For more information about the Community Preservation Fund, see Rhinebeck TB Meeting Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Presentation, March 25, 2024 (pdf) at the RDC’s website at <https://rhinebeckdemocratsclub.org/board-summaries-%26-reports-1>

The next TB meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM.