

Summary
Rhinebeck Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, August 25, 2025

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

Announcements

Supervisor Spinzia announced that the Town of Ulster Supervisor, James Quigley, has proposed that Ulster and Rhinebeck work together with NYS Bridge Authority to enact a comprehensive solution to mitigate Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge suicide attempts. Specifically, they want the Bridge Authority to earmark money for a capital plan, possibly to install either netting below the bridge or higher fencing along the walkway railing to reduce the growing number of suicides.

Resolutions

The Town Board (TB) addressed 18 resolutions, passing all 18 unanimously. Below is a summary of the major resolutions addressed and passed. Other resolutions addressed by the board may be viewed on the town's website as noted in the opening paragraph.

RESOLUTION 2025-194 – Rhinecliff Parking Plan.

Supervisor Spinzia announced that a public hearing on the proposed local parking law for the hamlet of Rhinecliff will be held at the September 29, 2025 TB meeting. For a complete list of the amended parking codes, go to the agenda page and scroll down to pages 4–11 (A local law to amend the Town Code Chapter 113 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic.").

RESOLUTION 2025-195 – Resolution Introducing Proposed Local Law to Repeal Town Code Chapter 125, Article V, Section 125-61 *Et Seq.* Entitled "Short-Term Rentals" and Enact a New Town Code Chapter 125, Article XV, Sections 125-154, Entitled "Short-Term Rentals."

A public hearing on the proposed, amended local law will be held at the September 29th TB meeting. For a complete copy of the Town's amended short-term rental code (STR), including penalties for violating the STR Code, go to the agenda page and scroll down to pages 13–24.

RESOLUTION 2025-197 - Introducing Local Law No. ____ of 2025, A Local Law Amending and Strengthening Certain Enforcement Provisions of the Chapter 125 of the Town Code.

In recent years, the Town of Rhinebeck has experienced a disturbing volume of instances of property owners performing work on their properties without having secured the necessary building permits. There have also been instances where work on homes, businesses and properties is being conducted that do not match the plans approved by the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The Town Board desires to strengthen the enforcement provisions of the Zoning Law. This local law would provide amendments to a variety of provisions of the Zoning Law that strengthen the Town's ability to enforce its Zoning Law. This law also adds amendments to other provisions of the Zoning Law that will encourage applicants, seeking land use permits and approvals from the Town and its various boards and officials, to comply voluntarily with the Zoning Law and the procedures that have been established by the Town. A public hearing on this issue will take place at the September 29th TB meeting.

RESOLUTION 2025-198 – Approve Jennifer Mund as Sole Town Assessor.

The TB approved a resolution reappointing Jennifer Mund as the sole assessor for the Town.

New Business

Frank Mazzarella presented his plan for adding additional parking spaces at the rear of the all-purpose field at the Thompson Mazzarella Park. There was some discussion on this plan with Councilperson Kleitsch expressing his concern for the new proposal (See Resolution 2025-154, June 9th TB meeting for the original plan) due to its impact on the pastoral qualities of the park. Supervisor Spinzia and Councilpersons Walker and Scherr supported the proposed additional spaces. The TB came to the agreement to reduce the 68 existing parking spaces on the west side of the all-purpose field to 52 spaces. The proposed lot adjacent to the rear of the all-purpose field will add 42 parking spaces.

To view a detailed map of the newly proposed parking area, go to the agenda page and scroll down to pages 87-88.

The next TB meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM.