

An Agenda Meeting was held on March 16, 2020 at 7:00 at the Town Hall

Presiding: Supervisor John Perry

Attending: Councilman Humphries, Councilman Boms, Councilwoman McKnight, Councilwoman Zell and three members of the public

There were no public comments

Resolution #2020-65
Offered by Councilman Boms

Approved Planner
Seconded by Councilwoman Zell

Whereas, the Town of Hurley is in need of assistance in creating a guideline to update and amend our Land Use Laws, and

WHEREAS, the Town has hired the firm of Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC to assist in Phase 1 of developing the updated Land Use Laws for Multi-Dwelling Complex and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the contact is being finalized, and

WHEREAS, based on the work performed and the recommendation of the Comprehensive Review Committee, the Town would like to continue the services of Nelson, Pope & Voorhis LLC to complete Phase 2 of the updates (full Town of Hurley Comprehensive Review Updates),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to hire Nelson Pope & Voorhis LLC to assist the Town of Hurley in updating the Land Use Laws pertaining to the completion of Phase 2 of the town of Hurley Comprehensive Review Updates.

All Voted Aye

Resolution #2020-66
Offered by Councilwoman McKnight

Ulster Delaware Railway
Seconded by Councilman Humphries

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster, NY, owns 38.61 miles of the former Ulster & Delaware (U & D) railroad right of way extending from the City of Kingston westward to the Delaware County border at Highmount near Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, of which nearly six (6) miles are located in the Town of Hurley, and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Mountain Railroad (CMRR) holds a permit with Ulster County for a portion of the U & D railroad corridor from Kingston to Stony Hollow that expires on December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the CMRR is seeking to extend its permit west from Stony Hollow to West Hurley trailhead of the Ashokan Rail Trail (ART), and to extend the terms of its permit several years beyond December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley supports the existing operations of the CMRR and recognizes the economic benefits it currently provides for our local community, the Town of Hurley Town Board desires that the term of the existing railroad operations from Kingston to Stony Hollow to be extended for several for several years past December 31, 2020 and the length of the permit be expanded west of Stony Hollow to connect to the West Hurley trailhead of the ART in the Town of Hurley in order to reach their maximum economic value for the Town of Hurley, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley also recognizes the potential economic and health benefits of using the CMRR to bring passengers from Kingston to West Hurley trailhead of the ART thereby increasing the accessibility, use and economic benefits of the corridor, decreasing traffic on Route 28 and alleviating parking overcrowding at the West Hurley trailhead of the ART, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hurley requests that Ulster County representatives extend the term of the CMRR permit for several years beyond December 31, 2019, and

extend its length beyond Stony Hollow to include the West Hurley trailhead of the ART, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Hurley requests that Ulster County representatives assist CMRR in constructing all necessary rail infrastructure needed to provide a first class tourism railtrail operation in Ulster County, with the maximum potential for economic benefits for the Town of Hurley, and

BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: Honorable Governor Andrew Cuomo, US Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, US Representative Anthony Delgado, NYS Senate Majority Leader Andreas Staurt-Cousins and NYS Senator George A Amedore Jr., NYS Assembly Speaker Carl E Heastie, and NY State Assembly Member Kevin Cahill, UC Legislative Chair David Donaldson and the UC Legislative, UC County Executive Patrick Ryan, the UC Rail Road Advisory Committee, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, the Town of Hurley Town Board, the Town of Kingston Town Board, the Town of Ulster Town Board the Town of Woodstock Town Board the Mayor of Kingston Steve Noble the City of Kingston City Council,

All Voted Aye

**Resolution #2020-67 ,
Offered by Councilman Boms**

**Appointment to Planning Board
Secoded by Supervisor Perry**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley has an opening for Planning Board and,

WHEREAS, Tony Bonavist will be stepping down from the CAS and,

WHEREAS, Tony Bonavist has put a letter of request to be on the Town Planning Board, so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Tony Bonavist to the Town of Hurley Planning Board for a term of 7 years expiring on 12/31/2026.

All Voted Aye

**Resolution #2020-68
Offered by Councilwoman McKnight**

**Appointment to Reappoint Zoning Secretary
Secoded by Supervisor Perry**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Zoning Board Secretary, Doris Alden has put in for retirement as of March 13,2020 and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley would like to retain her as ZBA secretary,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to reappoint Doris Alden as ZBA secretary beginning for the remainder of 2020 at the rate of \$14.84 per Hour.

All Voted Aye

**Resolution #2020-69
Offered by Councilman Humphries**

**Approve Drainage John and Broad
Secoded by Councilwoman McKnight**

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a drainage issue encompassing John Street , Broad Street and Cedar Street which drains down Cedar to Route 375 and,

WHEREAS, the Town has set up Capital Fund 14H to fund these types of projects and,

WHEREAS, its in the Town best interest to continually address issues throughout its 3500 properties and 54 miles of roadways,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the expenditure of funds from Capital Fund 14H to pay the town engineer to develop a plan to correct drainage in this area.

All Voted Aye

Resolution #2020-70
Offered by Councilwoman McKnight

~~~~~**Brush Grinding**  
**Seconded by Councilman Humphries**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Transfer Station policy accepts brush for fee of \$7. per yard

WHEREAS, the current amounts stored have reached capacity and must be ground to allow future acceptance of these materials, and

WHEREAS, the town published RFP for brush grinding and received 3 bids as presented to the town Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the low bidder, Peter Downs Landscaping, to complete the brush grinding.

**All Voted Aye**

**Resolution #2020-71**

**Oppose Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth & Community Act**

**Offered by Supervisor Perry**

**Seconded by Councilman Boms**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley opposes the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth & Community Act based on its limiting of Home Rule, and

WHEREAS, any energy act proposed by the State of New York should be given ample time for review by Local, County and State officials, and not be voted on during the upcoming State budget, and

WHEREAS, a reference of case law the Towns of Middlefield and Dryden NY stated Home Rule against the forcing to Hydro Fracking and won based on Home Rule. This would be eliminated in the passing of this act

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to keep the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth & Community Benefit Act out of the State budget and remove any wording reducing the strength or removing Home Rule

All Voted Aye

**Town Board Business**

1. We have completed task one for Comprehensive review and are looking to hire the same firm to do Phase II.
2. Councilwoman McKnight submitted a draft for short term rentals.
3. The transfer station is opened after setting up new procedures.
4. The lawn bids for the Town hall and Park will be opened at our next meeting
5. The Capital Run and Hurley Heritage Society Day is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>
6. We received a quote for a electric car of \$28,897.57 with a \$5000. grant it would cost the town \$23,807.00.
7. We are looking into Zoom for our next meeting at a cost \$120.00 per year.
8. We will be extending the moratorium next month.
9. We have declared State of Emergency to be eligible for Federal funding.
10. Dawn Wiacek has passed the Fire Inspection course and will being doing inspections part-time.
11. We will be getting bids for a new server for the town hall.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Supervisor Perry and seconded by Councilwoman McKnight and all voted aye.

Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk