

**TOWN OF NORTH EAST
TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2020**

Councilpersons present:

Supervisor Christopher Kennan
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye
Councilman John Midwood
Councilwoman Lana Morrison

Councilpersons absent:

The December 17, 2020 meeting was held via Zoom web conference.

Supervisor Kennan started the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and announced there was no public comment period during the workshop meeting.

Supervisor Kennan discussed COVID-19 and the modifications at Town Hall to keep people safe. According to the Dutchess County COVID-19 Dashboard, the numbers for North East are low. The website also provides guidance when testing positive for COVID-19. Councilwoman Morrison inquired about a plan for backup. Supervisor Kennan stated many towns have inter-municipal agreements and others will help much like fire companies assisting other fire companies.

Supervisor Kennan mentioned meeting with Engineer for the Town, Ray Jurkowski, at CPL. The goal is to go out to bid at the end of February or beginning of March for the highway garage. The Climate Smart Task Force has been interested in contributing their knowledge and ideas for making the highway garage more energy efficient; however, the priorities are the timetable and budget.

The Town Board is in receipt of the latest committee list for 2020. There were no other thoughts about revamping the list in 2021. Supervisor Kennan mentioned the Cemetery Committee as there are grave markers turned over and in need of fixing. Council Kaye stated Jim Campbell is active in correcting the issue and more work is planned for next year. The problem requires equipment to move the markers and sand to fill and level the marker area.

Currently, there is no one to run the snow blower or care for the walkways around Town Hall.

The northern portion of the Rail Trail is now open. There will be a need for parking. Supervisor Kennan had a discussion with Art Bassin, Supervisor for the Town of Ancram, about posting signs on either side of the Rail Trail reflecting the change in the town and county line.

Supervisor Kennan briefly discussed the Broadband Committee. Rich Stalzer has offered to coordinate with other town committees to find ways to bring broadband to portions of the towns with inadequate service.

The Town Board discussed the COVID-19 vaccination and the locations to offer the vaccine. Supervisor Kennan stated there is a conference call with the County scheduled for Monday to discuss these items and projected rollout.

Superintendent Stevens did not report any problems with snow removal during this latest storm.

The re-organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday after New Year's.

Adjournment:

**RESOLUTION #2072020
Adjournment of December 17, 2020 Meeting**

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RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman Morrison and seconded by Councilman Midwood.

AYES – 5 (Kennan, Fedele, Kaye, Midwood, Morrison)

NAYS – 0

The Resolution was adopted on December 17, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Gail J. Wheeler
Town Clerk

Approved: 01/14/2021