



**TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OSSINING  
BIRDSALL-FAGAN POLICE/COURT FACILITY  
86-88 SPRING STREET – OSSINING, NEW YORK  
JULY 24, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:00 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR  
Dana A. Levenberg**

**COUNCILMEMBERS  
Karen M. D’Attore Elizabeth R. Feldman  
Jackie G. Shaw Northern Wilcher, Jr.**

**7:30 P.M. WORKSESSION**

- **Environmental Systems CoLab -PACE University**

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we are going to begin tonight with one work session item. Last week, I received a call from Professor John Cronin, who is the Senior Fellow for Environmental Affairs at Pace University’s Dyson College Institute for Sustainability and the Environment, and coordinator of their Environmental Systems CoLab (as well as he is the former Hudson Riverkeeper!) He is involved in a very interesting project and is here with some of his students and a colleague to discuss it with the Town Board and to ask the Town to approve the siting of an interesting piece of equipment on Town Property.

We will discuss this matter further with our Counsel to the Town to figure out how best to proceed.

At 7:59 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the meeting be adjourned to Legislative Session.

**I. CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on July 24, 2018 in the Ossining Municipal Building, Birdsall –Fagan Police Court Facility, 86-88 Spring Street, in Ossining. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Dana A. Levenberg. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Northern Wilcher Jr., Jackie G. Shaw, Elizabeth Feldman and Karen D’Attore. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm Addona, Budget Officer Madeline Zachacz and Interim Town Clerk Victoria Cafarelli.

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE MATTER OF:**

- **Local Law #4-2018 -Regulating Use of Leaf Blowers within Unincorporated Town**

At 7:31 P.M., the Public Hearing was opened.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we will leave this public hearing open since we have not heard from our EAC regarding this.

Letter received from Green Ossining dated 3/20/18:

Dear Supervisor Levenberg and Members of the Town Board,  
Thank you for your ongoing efforts to improve our environment. As you consider the adoption of an ordinance change restricting the usage of gas-powered leaf blowers, we ask that you consider both the benefits to our environment of enacting

such restrictions, and the extremely negative environmental impacts to our community overall, our residents' personal health and the health and well-being of those working with the continued unrestricted use of these machines.

Please join the many surrounding Westchester towns and villages that already protect their current residents and future generations from gas-powered leaf blowers. Here are the impacts:

- **HEAVY CARBON FOOTPRINT:** A 2011 test by Edmunds showed that the pollutants from gas-powered leaf blowers from 30 minutes of use is equivalent to those pollutants from a 3,900-mile drive in a Ford 150 at 30 mph.
- **AIR POLLUTANT:** Studies have shown about *30% of the fuel from gas-powered leaf blowers* use fails to undergo complete combustion; this results in toxic, cacogenic air pollutant emissions (including carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides and hydrocarbons). Both nitrous oxides and hydrocarbons contribute to smog formation. Hydrocarbons can be carcinogenic, and nitrous oxides can cause acid rain.
- **ALLERGY CONTRIBUTORS:** Gasoline-powered leaf blowers are a major contributor to seasonal allergies. They spew particulates, pollen, mold, animal feces, and chemicals from herbicides and pesticides. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, *leaf blowers push 300 to 700 cubic feet of air per minute at 150 to 280 MPH.*
- **NOISE POLLUTANT:** Gasoline-powered leaf blower degrades our community's quality of life and our ability to use our outdoor amenities. They interfere with our ability to enjoy being outdoors, take walks, work at home, or play in our own backyards.
- **IMPACTS TO TOPSOIL, PLANTS & WATERSHEDS:** Gasoline-powered leaf blowers hurricane force winds compact soils leading to erosion and reduced water retention capacity, reducing topsoil and plant health. Lost topsoil and the reduced water retention capacity of compacted soil lead to runoff and siltation of waterways.

For the aforementioned environmental reasons, we respectfully urge Ossining to join the following list of Westchester communities who have already enacted gas-powered leaf blower restrictions:

- Bronxville - since 2011 - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED June 1- Sept 30
- Dobbs Ferry - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED May 2- September 14
- Hastings-on-Hudson - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED May 16- Oct 14
- Larchmont - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED June 1- Sept 30
- Mamaroneck - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED June 15- Sept 30
- Scarsdale-gas powered leaf blowers BANNED June 1-September 30
- New Rochelle - gas-powered and electric leaf blowers BANNED June 1- Sept 30
- Pelham - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED May 1- Oct 14
- Rye - gas-powered and electric leaf blowers BANNED May 1- Sept 30
- Sleepy Hollow - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED May 24 - Sept 30
- Tarrytown - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED June 15 - Sept 15 & no gas leaf blower use on weekends from Sept 16- June 14
- Tuckahoe - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED June 15- Sept 30
- White Plains - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED May 16 - Sept 30
- Yonkers - since 2007 - gas-powered leaf blowers BANNED June 1- Sept 30

My best,

*Suzie Ross*

*Chair, Green Ossining*

Copies to: Karen D'Attore, Northern Wilcher, Liz Feldman, Jackie Shaw

**From Superintendent of Dale Cemetery, Pete Connolly:**

## **DALE CEMETERY**

**Some thoughts on the leaf blower restrictions:**

**I understand the concerns leaf blowers may have. Hopefully in the future landscaping manufactures will improve their equipment to meet these environmental issues. But for now the technology is not there yet for such a large area such as the cemetery. A large cemetery landscaping company who attends our conference each year tried using battery trimmers, but the motors would not hold up. Battery equipment is fine for homeowners with small property, but not practical for larger areas of land at this time.**

**However if adopted:**

- 1) There has to be an exemption for cleanup after a storm, or unique situation. e.g. Chinese Memorial Day/New year's, where their tradition is to place fake money on each grave, which blows around the rest of the property.**
- 2) We must be able to clean the roadways (impervious surfaces) year round from grass clippings, dirt, and leaves which drop from trees that are old and stressed from heat or disease.**
- 3) Extend the restriction, begin May 15<sup>th</sup> (this allows us a longer period for cleanup for Mother's Day & Memorial Day), to October 1<sup>st</sup> .**
- 4) We would need to purchase two battery back pack blowers if this is adopted.**
- 5) Better yet.....Exempt Town Municipal Properties!!**

**To me, many people in Ossining alone are in the landscaping business. Some are glad to get the work for the approx. 9 months per year. I'm sure many have spent thousands of dollars on equipment. They cannot afford to have this restriction immediately adopted. When the Federal Govt. tells the automotive industry to meet certain environmental regulations, they give them years to comply. At the very least this has to be phased in, letting manufacturers 'catch up' so to speak, and giving the landscaping owners time also to plan for the huge expense of buying newer equipment.**

**Town Counsel Christie Tomm Addona explained that we were going to look at other municipalities in terms of this regulations. There are two municipalities that only regulate the times of day and time of year. Town Counsel will prepare a memo with some main points regarding Leaf Blower legislation.**

**Supervisor Levenberg questioned how would this affect our own Public Works Department and can a municipality exempt their own department?**

**Town Counsel Christie Tom Addona explained some municipalities do exempt but this is specific to the municipality. Town Counsel also recommended that Parks Foreman, Mario Conte weigh in on this legislation.**

**At 7:35 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the Public Hearing be adjourned until August 7, 2018.**

- Local Law #5 of 2018, entitled "Changes to Accessory Apartment Regulations within the Unincorporated Town."**

**At 7:35 P.M., the Public Hearing was opened.**

No one came to address the Board regarding this Local Law.

Town Counsel Christie Tomm Addonna explained that we are waiting for feedback from the Zoning Board regarding this legislation. Once they provide feedback after their meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> Town Counsel will prepare a memo.

At 7:38 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the Public Hearing be adjourned until August 7, 2018.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Levenberg announced the following:

I am very excited to highlight our recent ribbon cutting in the Village of Briarcliff at the intersection of Route 9A and North State Rd. The improvements to this intersection were very long in the planning stages, and we are so happy to report they are up and running, and as of now, to great acclaim! Thanks are in order to the Village of Briarcliff who served as lead agency and oversaw all of the many complex facets of this project, to our state legislators Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and Senator David Carlucci for helping out with their state multi-modal funds directed towards helping this become a reality, to Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia and the County for their help with approving using a piece of designated park land to help form the lanes to widen the intersection so it could accommodate turning lanes, to the Village engineers and those they hired, and to the NYS DOT and Todd Westhuis, former NYSDOT Region 8 Director, and his team who understood the value of this collaboration and this corridor. Also, thanks to the prior Town of Ossining Supervisor Susanne Donnelly, and Board who originally agreed to fund this project, and to the current Town Board for making sure we continue to do so and understands why these types of collaborations are so important. We were out of pocket about \$80k to date from the Town General fund for this which seems to be money very well spent for a road project of this magnitude. We just received our last bill to date for \$112 or so from the Village of Briarcliff, before the final truing up at the end of the project. We will keep everyone posted.

I attended a Westchester Municipal Officials meeting last week where we heard from Dr. Jerry Benjamin from the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz. They, along with the Rockefeller Institute, are working with Westchester County to prepare the County's shared services plan as mandated by New York State and he was sharing some initial plans with us to solicit feedback.

I was honored to serve as one of the judges last week at Atria on Hudson's second annual chef showdown, with tomatoes at the centerpiece of the menu. Atria's in house chef Julie's made a fantastic fried green tomato sandwich with aioli and arugula, but was edged out by Team Ossining's Mayor Victoria Gearity who had a little help from chef, Food Network judge, and cookbook author Lex Taylor with their tomato flavored soft tortilla and spicy salsa. Kudos to all the participants for highlighting fresh, local food and cooking from scratch healthy options for our seniors.

Also, last week I attended a meeting hosted by Sustainable Westchester to discuss the next contract for Community Choice Aggregation. The current contract is up at the end of this year and they are hoping to go out to bid for a new round of proposals from power providers. The good news is the CCA has saved money on all accounts, both the standard residential and the green residential. The rest of the state is now looking to Westchester as a model for bulk purchasing of electric power. This helps increase demand for green energy generation and we are hopeful we will also be able to hold down rates for ratepayers in Ossining, as we did with the first contract. We are planning to have someone from Westchester Power/Sustainable Westchester come meet with us on Aug 7<sup>th</sup> so we can re-up our involvement in the CCA.

Finally, I participated in a conference call with the Village of Ossining and Green Ossining representatives, as well as Hudson511RideshareNY to discuss the possibility of piloting a dockless bike program in Ossining to lead up to Car Free Day on September

21<sup>st</sup>. Partners who have already agreed to participate include Open Door Family Medical Centers, Ossining Schools, Greater Ossining Chamber of Commerce and Sing Sing Correctional Facility. We are also hoping to provide on demand shuttle service as another option, almost like a trolley service, and will be in talks soon with a company that provides those services to see if this would be possible. This Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing something very exciting—the Inaugural MOGO Bike Ride! As you know the Town, along with the Village of Ossining and the Town of New Castle, has been working to create routes from downtown areas to the North County Trailway. [Millwood-Ossining Go!](#) has worked with Westchester Cycle Club to create several routes, and this ride is the first opportunity to ride with an escort! Join your guides Kate and Victor for a modified version of the Briarcliff Route, starting at Ossining High School's Wolden Rd Lot at 10AM. We will make our way to the trail and ride for a while, (the distance can be modified and/or differentiated depending on the needs of the group) and then ride back to OHS for Victor's famous Flat Tire Workshop (optional). This is a great ride for anyone living locally who would like to become more active on the bike. There will be lots of support during the ride, and there will be a safety talk before getting started, but please be prepared with a working bike (with gears- yes there are some hills). There will be a pump available to help you at the start, but if you have not been out on your bike for a while, it's a good idea to take it to a local bike shop to get tuned up. A helmet is a MUST and please bring a water bottle. Rain will cancel the ride, so check back by 7:00 that morning for an update. For more info, look for the Facebook event—Millwood-Ossining Go! Inaugural Community Bike Ride. This will get you even more amped up for Car Free Day!

Our concert last Friday night saw another wonderful turnout! Jigsaw, an Ossining favorite, came together and entertained the audience of about 350. This week we have another favorite, our extremely talented and wonderful KJ Denhart, with her jazzy, folksy singer songwriter originals, tales from the road, and more, she is just terrific. The concert starts at 7pm on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. We may also have a return of our friend Homespun Merry-go-Round-the solar powered merry go round that has been keeping the kids happy at the concerts, plus the Gyro Uno truck will be there, and a new truck will be there as well, Three Little Pigs BBQ from Hawthorne, who have promised us they will have some extra special treats on offer. Bring your lawn chair and some friends. These concerts are FREE! I hope to see many of you! The following week our concert, with Powderfinger, will be on a Thursday night, August 2<sup>nd</sup> because we will have the Fire Parade that Friday, ending at the waterfront, on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you are loving these outdoor concerts and haven't yet made it over to Briarcliff, this Thursday evening, the Briarcliff Manor Chamber of Commerce will host the third concert in their 2018 series featuring the band Homegrown between 7 and 9PM—admission is free, so come to Law Park Field in Briarcliff and enjoy an evening of live music, singing, dancing, and food & beverages available from the folks at 105Ten and Mission Taqueria. The last concert in the Briarcliff 2018 series will be on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, where Ossining's own Mike Risko Band will be rocking the stage from 6-9PM. If you can't decide between the Waterfront Concert and Law Park, the Riskos will be in Ossining on Friday August 10<sup>th</sup> as well in case that helps inform your decision.

If you've been meaning to bring some more calm into your life, summer is a great time to start and Mariandale has your back. Beginning tomorrow (Wednesday 7/25), they will be holding three events to help you get your zen back before the hustle of fall begins again. All of the following events will be held on the Mariandale Center Campus at 299 N. Highland Avenue-- visit [www.mariandale.org](http://www.mariandale.org) for more information on what you need to wear and bring along for each session, as well as what if anything, you will be charged for the class:

- Sunset Qigong: Aligning Mind, Body, and Spirit with Universal Energy-- Wednesday, July 25th at 7:30PM
- Yoga for Relaxation, Rejuvenation and Balance-- Thursday, July 26th at 6:15PM
- Aqua Meditation-- Friday, July 27th at 5PM

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Westchester County Department of Health will be sponsoring a free rabies clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets at the SPCA on North State Road between 10AM and 2PM. Appointments are required for your furry friend—please call 941-2896 ext. 10 to plan a visit. Westchester residents only please. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers, dogs must be leashed and aggressive dogs must be muzzled. All pets must be supervised by an adult.

That evening, WCT will host Gerry Malkin Collective with Ingrid Jensen as part of their Jazz Masters Series. Ingrid Jensen recently worked with some musicians from Ossining High School and was phenomenal, so take advantage of this opportunity to hear some first class musicians right in or backyard! Doors open at 7PM for the 8PM performance, admission is \$20 per person. Visit [www.wctheater.org](http://www.wctheater.org) for more info and to get your tickets.

Finally, there are two great events taking place later this month to support the Croton and Ossining Community Tennis Association. The Summer Sizzler is a two-part fundraiser, all taking place on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Part one is a social tennis mixer at the Shannon Ross Tennis Courts at Nelson Park between 2PM and 5PM-- if you want to get in on a little friendly competition, all you need to do is register, and they will work out the schedule and teams for you. Part two is a party at the home of Patrice and Jeff Davidson in Croton between 7PM and 9:30PM, including Jeff's world-class barbeque. To participate, reserve your spot for one or both events by visiting [www.crotontennis.org](http://www.crotontennis.org).

Since we will not be together again until August 7<sup>th</sup>, I will ask you to mark your calendars for some events a little farther away.

On Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, Green Ossining and the Sierra Club will be co-sponsoring the screening of “Reinventing Power” in the Budarz Theater at the Ossining Public Library. The 50 minute film will introduce you to people in 8 states who have had their lives changed by the renewable energy industry; come learn about how we do not need to choose between sacrificing jobs and sacrificing our environment. The film will be followed by a moderated discussion. This free event begins at 7PM.

On Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. the Ossining Public Library will be burying its Time Capsule as a part of its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. You are all welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served on the back patio on library grounds. This event is open to the public. To prepare for this exciting day, on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, children and teens will be able to create their own smaller version of a time capsule to take home with them. They will also create a memento to place in the time capsule that will be buried on the library grounds. This program is 2-4 p.m. in the Café' Area of the library.

On Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, (which seems like ages from now but will be here before you know it), The Jug Tavern will present “From Garden to Table,” a lecture on the local colonial diet that folks in our region enjoyed back in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and the evening will end with refreshments based on historic recipes. This book talk by Peter G. Rose, author, food historian and Westchester resident, is part of the Sparta Speaks 2018 series. This is a free event but seating is limited—please email [info@jugtavern.org](mailto:info@jugtavern.org) to save your spot or to learn more. Doors open at 7:00 P.M.

Councilmember Feldman announced that there will be a live auction at Shattamuc.

Supervisor Levenberg announced the Ferry Sloops is having their fundraiser, Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Peekskill Lodge at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Shaw announced that on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Nelson Park there will be a sports day offering soccer, basketball and crafts.

#### IV.LIAISON REPORTS

#### V.DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

#### VI.PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

**VII. BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting**

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the July 10, 2018 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**B. Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting**

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the July 17, 2018 minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report**

Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated July 24, 2018 in the amount of \$399,823.97.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**D. MOGO (Millwood Ossining Go) Plan Adoption**

Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember D’Attore that the following be approved:

Whereas, the Towns of Ossining and New Castle and the Village of Ossining were awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Hudson River Valley Greenway’s Trail Grant Program to develop a plan for an Open Space/Bike Lane/Commerce Connectivity Corridor; and

Whereas, the corridor plan project was named Millwood-Ossining Go! and a task force was formed to identify pedestrian and bike accessible routes between commercial zones and open space in the Ossining and New Castle area including the Ossining Train Station, business districts in downtown Ossining, along North State Road and the Millwood Hamlet, as well as to the many beloved open spaces in the region; and

Whereas, this trail network will be an “Emerald Necklace” for the region, bolstering economic development and the tourism industry, while reducing the community’s environmental impact through the conservation of open space and decreased dependence on cars for transportation; and

Whereas, these improvements for pedestrian and bike access will address environmental and economic justice inequities especially for residents in our community that do not have access to a car for transportation to and from work, school, and play; and

Whereas, the task force has developed a draft plan for bike and pedestrian connectivity in the region, including input from the neighboring municipalities of the Town of Yorktown and Village of Briarcliff Manor, as both geographically connect to the study area; and

Whereas, this plan has identified potential routes for enhanced bike and pedestrian accessibility as well as recommended next steps for implementation and ways to make Ossining and New Castle more bike and pedestrian friendly; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby adopts the Millwood-Ossining Go! Plan as drafted by the inter-municipal task force; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining agrees to take steps towards implementing the recommendations of the Millwood-Ossining Go! Plan as is practical and feasible.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that last week, I presented the MOGO plan to the Town Board. If it is a broad plan offering multi-level options for bicycle and pedestrian connections from the Waterfront and Downtown in the Village of Ossining, through the commercial corridors in the Village of Ossining, Town of Ossining and Village of Briarcliff, to the North County Trailway/Empire State Trail in the Hamlet of Millwood, Town of New Castle. By adopting this plan, we now have a blue print from which to work to apply for grants, incorporate street striping for bicycles, and other planning and engineering which will enhance cycling and walking options in our Town.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**E. Calling for a Public Hearing- Local Law #6 of 2018- Amending Chapter 200, Zoning, of the Town Code with Respect to Solar Energy Systems**

Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Ossining Town/Village Hall, 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY in the matter of Local Law #6 of 2018, entitled "Amending Chapter 200, Zoning, of the Town Code with Respect to Solar Energy Systems."

Supervisor Levenberg stated that our Planner, David Stolman, presented this to proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to the board at our Work Session on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We would like to open this up now for a public hearing to solicit comments from the public starting August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to attend the public hearing or alternatively, send your written comments to the Town Board.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**F. Stipulation of Agreement between Town of Ossining and Local 456**

Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Town Supervisor, the Town Board hereby ratifies and approves the Stipulation of Agreement regarding the increased compensation of Lead Cemetery Worker and Cemetery Worker in lieu of on-site housing, between the Town and Local 456, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, AFL-CIO, effective August 1st, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the Stipulation on the Town's behalf.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that in an effort to make sure our workers are safe while we make improvements to the Superintendent's Cottage at Dale Cemetery, we have had to ask two of our employees to relocate. We realize the significant value

housing has to their bottom line, so we have augmented their salary to compensate for the loss. We thank Teamsters Local 456 for working with us to achieve an agreeable outcome for all.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**G. Climate Smart Communities Grant Program – Town of Ossining Climate Smart Communities Certification**

Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be approved:

Whereas, the Town of Ossining is a registered Climate Smart Community; and

Whereas, the Town of Ossining has been working towards earning Bronze level certification from the Climate Smart Communities program by implementing policies that support environmental sustainability; and

Whereas, the Town of Ossining would like to implement Pledge Element 6 Actions to complete a comprehensive plan with sustainability elements and planning and infrastructure for bicycling and walking as both actions align closely with the Town’s policy objectives; and

Whereas, funding is available to complete these actions through the Climate Smart Communities grant funding through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application; and

Whereas, Pace University Land Use Law Center and Westchester County have offered consulting services and community engagement assistance to support the Town’s 50% match requirements for the Climate Smart Communities grant program; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the submission of a grant application entitled “Town of Ossining Climate Smart Communities Certification” to the Climate Smart Communities program under the Consolidated Funding Application to complete a certification project for a comprehensive plan with sustainability elements and planning and infrastructure for bicycling and walking; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining commits \$100,000 matching funds for this project in the form of cash and in-kind match with assistance from its partners, the Pace University Land Use Law Center and Westchester County, as required by the Climate Smart Communities grant program to match the Town’s \$100,000 grant request to fund planning consultant fees.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that as we discussed at last week’s work session, the Town is applying through the NY State Consolidated Funding Application process for 5 grants this year. This is the first resolution of five. This grant, through the Climate Smart Communities funding stream, is seeking funds to support a new comprehensive plan, to include sustainability elements as well as a bicycling and walking plan, which will help get us closer to Climate Smart Communities certification as well. With the work we have done through the MOGO task force, we are already well on our way. This money would help the town re-imagine planning for the twenty first century to make sure we work with some of the latest planning tools and theories to emerge about the current and future state of suburbs so we can remain a wonderful, sustainable, biking and walking-friendly place to live, work and play.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**H. Climate Smart Communities Grant Program – Town of Ossining Food Waste Collection Program**

**Councilmember D’Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:**

**Whereas, the Town of Ossining is a registered Climate Smart Community; and**

**Whereas, the Town of Ossining has been working towards earning Bronze level certification from the Climate Smart Communities program by implementing policies that support environmental sustainability; and**

**Whereas, the Town of Ossining would like to implement a food waste collection program for its residents in an effort to reduce the community’s greenhouse gas emissions; and**

**Whereas, Teatown Lake Reservation is also interested in spearheading an education campaign to encourage food waste collection and composting in Ossining; and**

**Whereas, funding is available to complete climate change mitigation projects, including implementing a food waste collection program, through the Climate Smart Communities grant funding through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application; now therefore be it**

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the submission of a grant application entitled “Town of Ossining Food Waste Collection Program” to the Climate Smart Communities program under the Consolidated Funding Application to complete a mitigation project to implement a food waste collection program in the Town of Ossining; and**

**Be it further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining commits \$50,000 in matching funds for this project in the form of cash and in-kind match, with match support from Teatown, as required by the Climate Smart Communities grant program to match the Town’s \$50,000 grant request to fund materials, personnel expenses, and community education.**

**Supervisor Levenberg stated that our second CFA grant application under the same program is for a Food Scraps Collection program. As you may recall, Michelle Sterling and Ron Schulhof from Scarsdale came to present to us at a work session about the program they launched in Scarsdale. I had the opportunity to visit both their collection site with Suzie Ross of Green Ossining and Paul Fraioli who was Interim Village of Ossining Manager at the time, and also Town Engineer. I also visited Town of Mamaroneck collection site with Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity. We had hoped through our Refuse and Recycling contract with Suburban we would have been able to include curbside food scraps collection, but that proved to be prohibitively expensive. So we have now looked to the model Town of Greenburgh is using which is to locate a program in their Town Park and open it up to their Villages as well. They did secure a grant through this program and partnered with Greenburgh Nature Center for education and outreach about the program and so far it is going well. We are applying for this grant with Teatown as our partner for education and outreach and have put in for staffing to monitor the collection site which we would put at Cedar Lane Park. The good news is we hear that Cortlandt has a proposal before their planning board for a composting facility in their Town. This has the potential to greatly reduce the carting fees. Are there any questions or further discussion about this grant application?**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**I. Environmental Protection Fund – Cedar Lane Park Improvements**

**Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:**

Whereas, the Town of Ossining owns parkland at 235 Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Park; and

Whereas, Cedar Lane Park was formerly known as the Kress Estate when it was owned by the Kress Family several decades ago; and

Whereas, the buildings that once comprised the Kress Estate have fallen into disrepair and are not currently utilized as park amenities, including buildings known as the East and North Greenhouses and the Ice House; and

Whereas, the Town of Ossining is interested in rehabilitating these structures to become usable and accessible public spaces for community use; and

Whereas, funding is available through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation from the Environmental Protection Fund to support park improvement projects throughout New York State under the Consolidated Funding Application; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Environmental Protection fund program under the Consolidated Funding Application to rehabilitate the East and North Greenhouses and Ice House at Cedar Lane Park; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining commits matching funds in the form of in-kind and cash match as required by the Environmental Protection Fund grant program.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that as part of our continuing efforts to upgrade our infrastructure in our Town Parks, we are applying through the Environmental Protection Fund for a grant to make improvements to the Greenhouses and Ice House at Cedar Lane Park. Part of the ice house is currently used to house our ceramic kilns which support the Cedar Lane Arts Center, but the other half of the building is unused. If cleaned up, it could support other recreation opportunities at the park (i.e. a place to store kayaks, fishing supplies, nets for volleyball, basketball supplies, and more, as well as possibly a concession stand. We also are proposing to fix up the greenhouses to be used as an added park amenity. Once completed, the greenhouses could be rented like pavilions for special events, or even support pop-up ventures, as well as possibly a teaching kitchen or cooking programs to complement the community garden. We are hopeful this will tie in nicely to parks preservation as well as the goals of the Mid-Hudson Region's Economic Development Mission.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**J. Water Quality Improvement Project Program – Salt Shed Replacement at Cedar Lane Park**

**Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:**

Whereas, the Town of Ossining owns parkland at 235 Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Park; and

Whereas, the Town's salt shed is located within Cedar Lane Park and is used frequently throughout the winter months to maintain roadways and access roads throughout parks and other Town-owned properties; and

Whereas, the salt shed is currently damaged causing salt to leak out of the enclosure, posing water quality concerns to the Indian Brook/Croton River Watershed which is located in the area of Cedar Lane Park; and

Whereas, funding is available through the Water Quality Improvement Project Program to fund salt storage projects under the Consolidated Funding Application; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Water Quality Improvement Project program under the Consolidated Funding Application to replace the salt storage structure at Cedar Lane Park; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining commits matching funds in the form of in-kind and cash match as required by the Water Quality Improvement Project grant program.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that we are hoping this grant will help up put on the front burner a project to upgrade our salt shed which is currently in a town park. Until such time as we another place to locate this, we want to make sure our salt shed is better controlled from both an environmental and security perspective, and we are hopeful that because of its current location, the state will look favorably on lending us a hand, financially, to do this.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**K. Green Innovation Grant Program – Green Pavement Improvements to Town Parks**

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the following be approved:

Whereas, the Town of Ossining owns parkland at 235 Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Park; Old Albany Post Road, Gerlach Park; and 43B Morningside Drive, Ryder Park; and

Whereas, the Town has included in its capital plan for 2019 to pave parking lots in Cedar Lane, Gerlach, and Ryder Parks; and

Whereas, the Town is interested in considering utilizing “green” paving methods for these projects, increasing the permeability of the parking lots and reducing the impact on the Town’s stormwater system; and

Whereas, funding is available through the Green Innovation Grant Program for green pavement and bioretention projects under the Consolidated Funding Application; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Green Innovation Grant Program under the Consolidated Funding Application to utilize green paving techniques at Cedar Lane, Gerlach, and Ryder Parks to the extent feasible and practicable; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining commits matching funds as required by the Green Innovation Grant program.

Supervisor Levenberg stated that as part of our continuing efforts to improve our environmental footprint as we upgrade our facilities and parks, we are hoping that instead of naturally paving as an automatic, we find other ways to improve our parking in our town parks. At this point, it is likely that the only parks where we will be able to make improvements such as putting in bio filters or permeable pavers would be at Gerlach and Cedar Lane. This information comes after our consulting engineer, Dan Ciarcia did some test borings to see what was already happening as far as percolation was concerned, and at what level we hit water. We are working hard to make this grant workable, and there is a possibility we will not be able to do so, but would like to have this resolution in hand in the event we can pull it all together.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**L. Letter of Support for CFA Application- Land Acquisition, Westchester Land Trust**

**Councilmember Wilcher moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Feldman that the following be approved:**

**Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ossining has been approached by the Westchester Land Trust for their support in a Consolidated Funding Application for the acquisition of a vacant parcel contained entirely within the Town of Cortlandt and abutting the Town of Ossining; and**

**Whereas, the parcel in question is within the Indian Brook Watershed, which supplies Ossining residents with a safe and reliable water source, and the preservation of this property will help to ensure continued availability of this community resource;**

**Therefore be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for submission from the Town of Ossining to be submitted along with the CFA application by the Westchester Land Trust.**

**Supervisor Levenberg stated that we discussed this at our work session last week and are excited that Westchester Land Trust is working with the support of the Town of Cortlandt on this land acquisition which, if successful, would protect property in the Indian Brook/Croton Gorge Watershed. We are happy to provide a letter of support.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**M. Personnel- Resignation, Town Court**

**Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be approved:**

**Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of part-time Intermediate Clerk Arnestia Valentine, effective August 2nd, 2018.**

**Supervisor Levenberg stated that we are so sorry to have to accept the resignation of one of our Court Personnel, Anastasia "Cindy" Valentine, who most recently served as intermediate clerk and worked at the window. So many people adored Cindy. She is moving away, and the Justices as well as the Court staff already are feeling the big hole that will be left by her absence. We wish Cindy well in her future endeavors and thank her for her 10 years of service to our courts!**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**N. Sale of Surplus Equipment- Cedar Lane Arts Center**

**Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be approved:**

**Be it Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining authorizes the following item to be declared Surplus:**

- **Donated Randal Motorized Kickwheel at Cedar Lane Arts Center**

**Supervisor Levenberg stated that our kick wheel in the ceramics studio at Cedar Lane Arts Center has not seen much action, so we are surplusizing it, and hope to put the money back into additional needed shelving.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**O. Fee Schedule Change-- Bounced Check, Tax Receiver**

Councilmember D'Attore moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby amends the Town of Ossining Fee Schedule as follows:

Bounced Check Fee- Per Item Returned     ~~\$35.00~~ \$20.00

Supervisor Levenberg stated that after changing this fee from \$20 to \$35 to match the Village of Ossining's, we have since discovered we have a local law designating that it cannot exceed \$20, so we are changing it back.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED**

Councilmember Shaw moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Wilcher that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following meeting minutes:

- June 20, 2018 Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**IX. MONTHLY REPORTS**

Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the following be approved:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following reports:

- Dale Cemetery May & June 2018
- Town Building Department June 2018

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**X. VISITOR RECOGNITION**

Lt. Damiano announced that the Rotary Club our Ossining Auxiliary Police force that has been existence since 1942

**XI. ADJOURNMENT –EXECUTIVE SESSION-CONTRACTS & PERSONNEL**

At 8:55 P.M., Councilmember Feldman moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Shaw that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

**At 9:41 PM, Councilmember Shaw motioned to enter into Executive Session and Councilmember Wilcher seconded.**

**At 9:42 PM, Councilmember D'Attore motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Shaw seconded.**

**Motion Carried: Unanimously**

**Approved:**

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Victoria Cafarelli Interim Town Clerk**