

AGENDA
May 18, 2021 DIGITAL MEETING 6:30pm
TOWN BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DIGITAL PLEDGE TO FLAG- Stated by each Town Board Member
2. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	ZOOM
Supervisor John C. Reilly			x
Council-member Nichole Martini			x
Council-member Pat Odell			x
Council-member Michael Moran			x
Council-member John Fraser Paterson			x

MONTHLY THOUGHTS:

Much as we may wish to make a new beginning, some part of us resists doing so as though we were making the first step toward disaster.

William Throsby Bridges

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2021

1. Review of Town Hall Project- Solar, Budget, Empire Pass.
 Funding for the Town Hall Project \$300,000 building reserve, \$250,000 from Assembly member Barrett, (her office will need a sketch plan, scope, and budget), proposed \$170,000 Covid relief Federal Funds.

This is a public works project, multiple bids and prevailing wage law applies.

Bonding the remaining budget can be a consideration.

Private donations can only be used for the Community portion of the building.

The Town received an inquiry from a solar company- The solar moratorium is no longer in effect, but any large-scale project it would be subject to the FCID process.

The Draft Ancram Solar Law will be sent to the Comp Plan Review Committee for review

Discussion on purchasing Empire Passes for residents the CAC will survey interest.

Budget Review-Sales Tax so far is 10% higher-projected to be \$30-\$40,000 more this year.
The first mortgage tax payment was \$50,000 in the past it is \$10-14,000
An additional \$100,000 general revenue is expected this year.

2. Saying Hello to new Town Historian - Sarah Locke:

Sarah introduced herself to the board she is the arts administrator and communications specialist at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT, she conducts independent research, writing press releases and newsletters, as well as creating graphics for social media and print media.

A Historian Page will be added to the website.

A Role of Town Historian:

1. Popularize the history of the town via articles on social media and/or in local newspapers.
2. Accumulate digital copies of old town photos.
3. Present an annual report to the Town Board at the end of each calendar year.
4. Safeguard town historical files by retaining them in Town Hall.
5. Collaborate, when possible, with the Roe Jan Historical Society and other historians in the county and state.
6. Solicit donations of paper archival material and/or photographs.
7. Participate, when possible, in town historical celebrations.

B. The town historian may do one or more of the following:

1. Give presentations in appropriate town venues.
2. Organize guided walks focused on the town's history.
3. Attempt to interest the town's students in local history.
4. Make copies of historical town photos available to interested persons.
5. Bring to the attention of historical societies and libraries physical artifacts that may belong in those institutions.
6. When requested by the Town Board, participate in the decorating of town buildings with historical materials.

3. **Councilmember and Clerk 2021 Projects:**

1. Fraser/Michael/Nichole: Update on Gallatin Conservation Area progress -Trail Map update
The trails are in the process of being marked.
Discussion of placement of a Pavilion on either the GCA site or across the street on the 119 Gallatinville Road site.
A letter to the GCA abutters or a town wide email will be sent informing the town of the progress of the GCA.
Suggestion by the Conservation Advisory Council to liaise with the GCA on future plans.
GCA land abutter Jung Min Lee asked that there be no alterations of the conservation area without prior approval of the board.
Further Plans and a scope for GCA will be developed in 2021 with further implementation in 2022.

CAC minutes and EMC report will be but on the website as soon as the webhost can create a page.

2. Pat/Michael: Update on Community Resource Packet. Two volunteers responded; we will wait another week to see if there is more interest.
3. Fraser: Map Plan with CAC/Comp Plan. Fraser discussed the use of Google Earth layers and the Countywide GIS mapping.

Larry Brody Chair of the comp plan committee submitted his notes on the next steps for the Comprehensive Plan Review

After more than a year's hiatus, the remaining members of the committee, believe they can start planning for public meetings in Fall 2021. Consultant Nan Stolzenburg will be assisting the Committee.

Previous members Terry Porter, Peter Wheelwright, and Larry Brody will continue to serve on the committee. We have three resignations: Lois Lenahan, Eric Mortensen, and John Reilly. Our thanks for their service.

We have three appointments to fill those vacancies:

Michael Moran- from TB

Carol Smillie- from CAC

Kimberly Yambrick- who will represent agricultural producers in the town.

Committee meetings will be announced on the town's website. The next steps will be creating a survey of residents and planning for public input meetings.

After a lengthy discussion of the appointments for the Comp Plan Review Committee

The following motions were put forth.

Resolution 2021-23 Accept the proposed Comprehensive Plan Review Slate of new members Michael Moran, Kim Yambrick Carol Smillie

Motion Councilman Paterson

Second Supervisor Reilly

Vote

Councilmember Paterson-yes

Councilmember Odell-yes

Councilmember Martini-no

Councilmember Moran yes

Supervisor Reilly Yes

Motion Passed 4 Yes 1 No

Resolution 2021-24 To Expand the Comprehensive Plan Committee by 1 member to 7 members, additional member to be decided at the June Town Board Meeting

Motion Supervisor Reilly

Second Councilmember Martini

Vote

Supervisor Reilly -yes

Councilmember Martini -yes

Councilmember Moran-no

Councilmember Odell-yes
Councilmember Paterson-yes
Motion Passed 4 Yes 1 No

Resolution 2021-25 Table appointments and open up to community for volunteers to expand the committee to more than 7 members.

Motion Councilmember Moran
Second Councilmember Martini
Vote

Councilmember Moran -yes
Councilmember Martini yes
Councilmember Paterson- no
Councilmember Odell-no
Supervisor Reilly - no
Motion Fails 2 Yes 3 No

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS (Email/Zoom Comment)

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of Board and Committee Minutes for Errors/Clarifications Resolution 2021-26
Approve April 2021 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.
Motion Councilmember Odell Second Councilmember Moran
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- Resolution 2021-27 to approve April 2021 bills
(done by digital abstract review) for payment.
Motion Councilmember Martini Second Councilmember Paterson
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Financial Statement Monthly Review- Resolution 2021-28 to approve April 2021
Financial Reports (done by digital review)
Motion Councilmember Martini Second Councilmember Paterson
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
4. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report-Read and Filed
5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer- Read and Filed
6. Clerk Reports-Read and Filed
7. Assessor Comments-Read
8. Supervisors Report

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS

(Email/Zoom/Live Comment)

MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD