

**Town Board**  
**Town of North Greenbush**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 9, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM, having all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present.

<b>Supervisor Bott</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
<b>Councilwoman Hoffman</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
<b>Councilwoman Sabo</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
<b>Councilman Rogers</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
<b>Councilwoman Merola</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>

**Announcements:**

Supervisor Bott asked for a moment of silence for Anthony Germano's mother who passed away. He continued with a few announcements about what was going on around town. The year is winding down with projects finishing up. Rt. #4 traffic signal's cement was poured. The water project on Geiser Road to Rt. # 43 will be terminating for the winter until next spring.

Supervisor Bott announced that our Annual Christmas Parade will be this Saturday and he asked Councilwoman Merola to tell us a little bit about it. Councilwoman Merola said that we have 7 businesses with floats along with the North Greenbush Police Department, Sherriffs and North Greenbush Ambulance will be in the parade. Our very own Wynantskill and Defreesville Fire Departments and neighboring departments will have floats too. She added that Little Big Fatz is donating cookies and hot chocolate for after the parade. The Bell Top Chorus will be attending and singing Christmas Carols for us at the tree lighting. The parade will start at 6:00 p.m. from St. Jude's parking lot and continue down Brookside to Main Avenue. The parade will end at Town Hall with our Annual tree lighting ceremony.

Supervisor Bott asked Councilwoman Hoffman to explain about the new tradition of the memorial trees. Councilwoman Hoffman explained about the 25 trees the town had for residents to purchase. All 25 sold as the trees sold fast. Those who bought a tree are to decorate the tree with anything they wanted to and place LED lights only on the trees and after the parade we will light the trees in memory of loved ones. She thanked the Highway Department for placing pipe holders in the ground to hold the trees in place during the week. She continued to thank Supervisor Bott for running the electric to the trees. Councilwoman Hoffman added that she hopes that this will grow more and more each year.

**Comments on the Agenda Items:**

Councilwoman Sabo asked about a Resolution she sent to the Town Clerk to be placed on tonight's agenda that is not. She mentions the Robert Rules that the town follows. She sent in a Resolution in the matter of seeking the resignation of the Rensselaer County Executive. Supervisor Bott stated he did not

have it placed on the agenda because he felt it is not appropriate, as he has not been charged with anything. Supervisor Bott said he tries to keep it positive at our meeting in North Greenbush. Councilwoman Sabo asked the Town's Attorney, Fred Kirwin what the ruling are and he stated she could make a motion to have it added. Councilman Rogers supports the law enforcement & Blue. He stated that Law Enforcement brought the charges against the Rensselaer County Executive, so he agrees that it should be added to the agenda.

**Councilwoman Sabo** made a motion to add the Resolution to tonight's agenda, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. The town board voted as follows: 3 Opposed (Merola, Hoffman and Bott) and 2 Ayes, (Sabo, Rogers) motion to add to the agenda does not carry.

#### **Presentation Certificates of Recognition:**

Councilman Rogers presented a Certificate of Recognition Plaque to Councilwoman Sabo for her many years of service to the town. Councilwoman Sabo thanked everyone and said she enjoyed working for the town and appreciated here time on the board.

Supervisor Bott presented a Certificate of Recognition Plaque to Stephanie Piels for her years of service to the town. Stephanie stated that it was a pleasure working for the town of North Greenbush.

#### **Status Report on Climate Smart Certification:**

A presentation for the Climate Smart Vision Statement by started @ 7:13 PM. All information will be attached with permanent monthly minutes. Presentation ended @ 7:25 PM.

**All questions and comments for the presentation will be available Streaming on the Town's website. The handout from the presentation will be included to the December's permanent records.**

Supervisor Bott stated that the board would add for the Approval of the Vision statement to the January meeting. This will give the board time to read it over before next month's meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**Resolution 2021-12-108: Supervisor Bott** made a motion to accept the resolution for SEQOR Determination for the proposed 9 Teliska Ave Sewer District Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-12-109: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion to accept the resolution establishing the proposed 9 Teliska Avenue Sewer District Extension of the North Greenbush Consolidated Sewer District as written, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-12-110: Councilwoman Merola** made a motion to accept In the matter of appointing a member to the Board of Assessment Review, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-12-111: Supervisor Bott** made a motion in the matter of scheduling a Public Hearing to Establishing a Local Law to Opt Out of Allowing Cannabis On-Site Consumption Sites with-in the Town of North Greenbush, seconded by **Councilwoman Merola**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Supervisor Bott said he discussed the Local Law with the Chief of Police and the board members. They all decided that we would opt out now and then perhaps later opt back in when they get more information concerning the law.

Councilwoman Sabo asked if the Local Law will be online for the residents to review before the Public Hearing. Anthony Germano answered yes it would be placed on the website and the Town Clerk's Notice Board. Councilwoman Sabo also asked if the residents could send in written comments or questions about the Public Hearing topic. Anthony Germano answered yes they can. They can send all questions and comments to the Board or the Town Clerk's email.

**Resolution 2021-12-112: Councilwoman Hoffman** made a motion in the matter of Town Board receiving the receipt of the Annual Audit and Examination of Records of the Town Justice for the year ending December 31, 2021, seconded by **Supervisor Bott**. All town board members voted Aye, motion carried.

Anthony Germano spoke of the audits he performed to date with the all the departments. All were good with no issues of any kind. Under state law the Courts must hand over a set of books with a check list, which he uses for town hall.

#### **Discussion:**

Mike Meyers of Wynantskill asked where ion the website could he find the Robert Rules of Order. Councilwoman Hoffman said that they can be located in the January meeting. We have the Robert Rules added in the Organizational meeting every year. Mr. Meyers also asked when the new website would be up and running. Anthony Germano said it should be ready soon as they are almost all set.

Supervisor Bott wanted to thank the town staff for all they did this year making it an outstanding year; he wanted to thank Janice Kerwin, Town Clerk, The Board, Chief Keevern, Town Engineer, Town Engineer, Highway Department and Mark Premo, his secretary, Kathleen Allen. He also mention the Town's calendar for sale and the Town Historian, Jim Greenfield for all his hard work with the North Greenbush Calendars and also Fred Kirwin, Town Attorney.

#### **Department Reports Review:**

Supervisor asked the board to review the reports from the town departments.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Councilwoman Sabo** made a motion to accept the November 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes, which included the Public Hearings and the Regular Monthly Meeting, seconded by **Councilman Rogers**. All members voted Aye, motion carried.

#### **Adjournment:**

**Councilman Rogers** made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting @ 7:49 P.M., seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All Members voted Aye, motion carried.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE TO REVIEW VIA STREAMING ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Janice Hannigan Kerwin  
Town Clerk  
Town of North Greenbush



**Town of North Greenbush  
Public Hearing Meeting Agenda  
December 22, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

**6:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH GREENBUSH TO ADD CHAPTER 78 TO OPT OUT OF ALLOWING CANNABIS ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER NEW YORK STATE CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4**

Supervisor Bott called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and asked everyone to rise and say the Pledge Allegiance. Roll call was taken:

Supervisor Bott	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Sabo	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Rogers	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>Present</u>

Supervisor Bott asked if any more emails related to the meeting were received. He then began to read the emails that were received by the Town Clerk, Janice Kerwin, which were placed in the folders for the meeting. He stated each email will be place with the permanent minutes of tonight's meeting. He read each email he received with their questions. He acknowledged that Anthony Germano, Town Comptroller, answered Mike Meyer's email that we received earlier in the week.

Supervisor Bott asked if anyone present has any comments. The people to speak were as follows:

- 1.) Tim Murdick, President of Nopiates Committee.

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- 2.) Kyle Belokopitsky, NYS PTA
- 3.) Paul Koniowka, Wynantskill PTA

The people who spoke during the meeting were in agreement that they wanted board think long and hard about opting out of everything pertaining to legalizing anything. They were against on-site consumption and dispensary.

Chief Keevern also spoke of the regulations and he feels this is a smart move, opting out, until we know more.

Councilman Rogers stated that surrounding towns have done different things, some staying in and some opting out. This decision will be a hard one and he wants to continue to listen to all and everyone's opinion.

David Wilson, who is on the Planning Board for the town, feels more time and information is needed. He's concerned for the Planning and Zoning side of it, regulations will be needed to be looked at.

Councilwoman Sabo wanted to make sure that people are aware that if smoking is allowed then Cannabis smoking will be allowed in the same places. Councilwoman Hoffman said we will need to look into making areas smoke free, for examples parks, recreation areas and town hall. Anthony Germano read off our surrounding towns decisions.

**Discussion: Resolution 2021-12-113** In the matter of adopting Local Law #2 for the year 2022 to Opt-Out of allowing Cannabis on-site consumption establishments under New York State Cannabis Law 4

**Councilwoman Merola** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All members of the board voted Aye, motion carried. Meeting was closed @ 7:22 P.M.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING IS AVAILBALE TO REVIEW ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Janice Hannigan Kerwin  
Town Clerk  
Town of North Greenbush