

Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees
Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
7:00 PM

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Present
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Present
Trustee Howard Traudt:	Present
Trustee Brant Neuneker:	Present

Also present were: Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, County Legislator Joel Tyner, Carl Sipperley- Panda staff, as well as members of the public.

Mayor Bassett opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bassett welcomed newly appointed Village Trustee Brant Neuneker to the Village Board to complete the term of office vacated when Trustee Bassett was elected to the Mayor's office. Judge William Sanchez then performed the ceremonial swearing in of newly appointed Village Trustee Brant Neuneker.

Rhinebeck Garden Club-Mayor Bassett recognized the Rhinebeck Garden Club for the 90 years of service to the community, and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

County Legislator Joel Tyner- Mr. Tyner congratulated Trustee Neuneker on his appointment to the Village Board. Mr. Tyner reported on the following projects he is interested in and working on in the County Legislature: affordable health care, Lyme/ tick disease health insurance coverage, the proposed changes to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Treasurer's report- Treasurer McLaughlin presented the report the following as of April 30, 2017. Vouchers: General \$107,226.03; Water \$31,961.28; Sewer- \$156,512.66; Balance: General \$1,117,199.73; Water \$682,346.19; Sewer- \$638,071.92. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Motion: Trustee Traudt: To approve the Water and Waste Water Adjustments for April as presented and reviewed by Treasurer McLaughlin.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the transfer of funds as listed in the Treasurer's report and as reported by Treasurer McLaughlin.

Second: Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
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Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
Trustee Traudt: Yes
Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the Amendment to the 2017-2018 Village Budget as listed in the Treasurer’s report and as reported by Treasurer McLaughlin.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett: Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
Trustee Traudt: Yes
Trustee Neuneker: Yes

The complete Treasurer’s report is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

Department Reports

Police & Court-Mayor Bassett reported that in the month of March 2017 Summary: Total # of Incidents – 28 Town ; Total # of Incidents-100 Village; Total # of Tickets – 22 Town; Total # of Tickets – 60 Village; 6 Total # of Arrests ; 9 Total # of Accidents .

Mayor Bassett reported that in the month of April 2017 Summary: Total # of Incidents – 21 Town ; Total # of Incidents-76 Village; Total # of Tickets – 17 Town; Total # of Tickets – 65 Village; 1 Total # of Arrests ; 8 Total # of Accidents . Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

Fire Department- Mayor Bassett reported for the month of April 2017 there were a total of 80 Alarms –including: 21 fire calls; 12 in the town, 6 in the village and 3 mutual aid calls outside the Village. There were 55 EMS calls; 28 in the town, 21 in the village and 4 mutual aid calls to Hillside, 1 mutual aid calls to Red Hook. There were also 5 motor vehicle accidents; 1 in the town and 2 in the village. The ambulance did not respond to 10 calls, therefore the response percentage is 83%. The new truck is expected to be delivered the first part of June. Members will be going to the plant to inspect the truck prior to delivery. Both Kyle and Chrissy attended the first meeting with other officials regarding Sinterklaas. Fire department personnel have been completing various classes and training requirements to make sure we are fully compliant with OSHA standards. Member physicals were conducted last month. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit: To approve as Lily Knapp as member of the Rhinebeck Fire Department. The Rhinebeck Fire Department Investigating Committee found the applicant favorable for consideration.

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Bassett: Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
Trustee Traudt: Yes
Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Building/Planning/Zoning- Mayor Bassett reported in the month of March 10 CO search were done, 6 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, 1 violation fee, 1 sign application fee, 4 site plan application fees, 2 special permit application fees and 1 expense reimbursement fee received. Mayor Bassett reported in the month of April 3 CO search were done, 1 building permits, 2 certificates of occupancy, 4 fire inspections, copy fees, 1 expense reimbursement fee received . The Board discussed projects before the Planning and Zoning departments.

Motion: Trustee Traudt: For the Village of Rhinebeck to send a letter of consent to the Dutchess County Clerk’s Office stating the village has no objection to the filing of the map of the consolidation deed that was filed with the County on February 1, 2017 for the Eveready Diner property located at 6585 Route 9 Rhinebeck.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Motion: Mayor Bassett: For the Village of Rhinebeck to accept the resignation of Brant Neuneker as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to appoint Josh Pulver as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Second: Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

The complete report is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

Highway Department- Deputy Mayor Lewit stated that Superintendent of Public Works John Fenton reported the following list of jobs performed in the Month of April 2017: road repairs / cold-patch pot holes and apron damage, catch basin repairs and cleaning, brush removal from storms, start stump grinding, mulch deliveries, sign repairs, spring clean up. Deputy Mayor Lewit reported the village has developed a plan to pave Astor Drive and Montgomery Street in July. The last pick up of brush will be May 15, as the village will be sweeping the streets in preparation for the Memorial Day parade. Pick up will resume in June. The Board discussed going to bid on the paving versus shared services with the Town of Rhinebeck. Discussion on the May 19th deadline for the Dutchess County shared services grant. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

Water Department-Trustee Neuneker read that 11,856,000 gallons of water was treated in April 2017. The water department has replaced a fire hydrant at 26 Kelly Street, in Rhinecliff, and 7 new radio read meters were installed. Mayor Bassett reported on a meeting held in regards to the Route 9 distribution line project and the village has obtained a verbal consent from NYSDOT. The project is moving forward and the village is looking at grant funding. The Board discussed the placement of lines and the paving of the lanes of Route 9.

Motion: Trustee Neuneker: For the Village of Rhinebeck to approve the purchase of an actuator from Koester at a total cost of \$6145.00.

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Motion: Trustee Neuneker: To approve the amendment to the contract with Stantec Engineering at a cost of \$43300.

Second: Mayor Bassett

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Wastewater Department- Trustee Traudt reported that for the month of April 4.7 million gallons of waste water treated; 33,100 gallons of sludge processed; 4,186 lbs. of sludge processed. Trustee Traudt reported that the department is working on a study as to the capacity of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Trustee Traudt will come back with the report from the engineer. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Committee Reports-

Tree Commission- Deputy Mayor Lewit reported that Tom Johnson was appointed to the tree commission. The Board discussed the reducing the paperwork for planting trees beyond the right of way. Trees have been removed for safety reasons from 46 Mulberry, 28-30 Chestnut and 36 Mulberry Streets. The tree is scheduled for removal at 46 Livingston Street.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit: To approve the request from 5 Cramer Road – Sheila Cataquet to remove the trees as submitted to the Tree Commission at the property owners expense.

Second: Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit : To approve the request from 50 Livingston Street – Christian Fekete to trim/ prune the trees as submitted to the Tree Commission at the property owners expense.

Second: Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit: To approve the request from 5 Cramer Road – Sheila Cataquet to remove the trees as submitted to the Tree Commission at the property owners expense.

Second: Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Power lines committee- Mayor Bassett reported the committee will be on a hiatus for awhile, until further funding or plans are involved.

Special Requests

Municipal Clerk’s Week- Mayor Bassett read the following proclamation:

Proclamation

Municipal Clerks Week
May 7 - 13, 2017

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Bassett, Mayor of the Village of Rhinebeck, do

recognize the week of May 7 through May 13, 2017, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Patricia Coon and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2017

Gary Bassett, Mayor

Montgomery Post #429 American Legion Coin Drop –

Motion: Trustee Traudt: To approve the request to hold a coin drop on Sept. 8, 9, 10, 2017 in the Village of Rhinebeck.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

World Wide Knit In Public Day

Motion: Trustee Neuneker: To approve the request from Shepherd Knitter’s for the annual World Wide Knit in Public Day on June 10, 2017

Second: Mayor Bassett

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the request from the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the semi Annual sidewalk sale, spring and summer on May 19-21 with a rain date of May 26-28 and August 18-20 with a rain date of August 25-27, 2017.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Rhinebeck Central School District

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the request from the Rhinebeck Central School District to place 4 graduation banners on Central Hudson poles in the Village of Rhinebeck from June 1 to July 10, 2017. The School District has obtained permission from Central Hudson.

Second: Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes

Trustee Traudt: Yes
Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Community Police Event

Motion: Trustee Neuneker: To approve the request from Tom Traudt to hold the annual bike rodeo, bicycle raffle, K9 demo and other hands on equipment display at the Foster Coach House Parking Lot on June 3, 2017.

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Bassett: Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
Trustee Traudt: Yes
Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Gulf War Memorial Dedication

Motion: Trustee Traudt: To approve the request from Pat Coon to dedicate the Rhinebeck Gulf War Veteran's Memorial Plaque at a ceremony at the Doughboy Memorial Park, East Market Street Rhinebeck on May 28, 2017 at 12:30pm. The names of the Rhinebeck Gulf War Veterans are listed on the plaque. This project was the final project of military historian, the late Alan Coon of Rhinebeck. All funds for this plaque were raised in memoriam to Alan. All are welcome to come to the dedication.

Second: Mayor Bassett

Mayor Bassett: Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
Trustee Traudt: Yes
Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Clerk Pat Coon added that the names of the Rhinebeck Gulf War Veterans are listed on the plaque. This project was the final project of military historian, her late husband Alan Coon of Rhinebeck. All funds for this plaque were raised in memoriam to Alan. All are welcome to come to the dedication.

Other Business

Joint Environmental Committee-

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the formation of a joint committee made up of experts in the village and town to be advocates for our environment.

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Bassett: Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
Trustee Traudt: Yes
Trustee Neuneker: Yes

The purpose of the committee will be to work with outside organizations on issues that affect either the village or the town and bring them to each board for review and proposed actions. Both Mayor Bassett and the Town Supervisor will be liaisons to this committee.

Mission:

Environmental Committee

- Clean Energy Communities Program
- LED street lighting status updates
- Ban on Barges updates
- Watershed protection (Clean water)
- Resolution for Tanker Avoidance Zones
- Any new developments

Interested residents should contact the Village Clerk.

Ethics Committee-

Mayor Bassett read letters of appreciation to Samuel Reifler and John Halpren for their efforts and the village is very grateful for their (two) three year terms on the Ethics Committee. Mayor Bassett stated that Deputy Mayor Lewitt and Trustee Traudt will conduct the interviews of the interested candidates: Gina Fox, Tammy Valentino, Joanne Gelb, Lisa Rubenstein, Lawrence Miller, Stephen Croce, Carol Urban, Pamela Morin and Walter Cotter.

Short Term Vacation Rental Committee

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the formation of a short term rental committee made up of 7 members: 2 from the Planning Board, 1 from Zoning Board of Appeals, and 3 members of the public Trustee Neuneker will be the liaison to the committee. Possible candidates are John Clarke and Tim Decker, Judy Merritt and Ward Stanley, Donna Warner, Claudia Cooley, and a member of the Air B & B community.

Second: Trustee Traudt

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Traudt: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Hudson Valley Greenway-

Resolution

Amendments to Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities, adding seven new Greenway Guides

May 9, 2017

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act of 1991 has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway Compact, a process for voluntary cooperation among the communities of the Hudson River region; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rhinebeck adopted *Greenway Connections* by Local Law and joined the Greenway Compact on 5-11-2004 and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act or the adoption of *Greenway Connections* do not supersede or change the powers that the State has granted municipal governments under the New York constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law, or various municipal enabling acts, and

WHEREAS, the Local Law adopting *Greenway Connections* contained a provision allowing subsequent amendments to the document by resolution of the local legislative body; and

WHEREAS, after multiple local presentations and public comments, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council has approved seven new Greenway Guides to be included in *Greenway Connections*: Centers and Greenspaces, Slower Safer Streets, Rural Roads, Building Bicycle Networks, Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps, Recycling and Waste Collection, and Green Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Guides are entirely optional in nature and to be considered only when local officials in discretionary decisions think they may be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Village of Rhinebeck as lead agency, has completed a review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and has determined that these amendments to *Greenway Connections* will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, warrant a “Negative Declaration” under Article 8 of the State Environmental Conservation Law, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Village of Rhinebeck has prepared and hereby adopts the annexed SEQRA Negative Declaration for the proposed action; and
2. That the Village of Rhinebeck approves and adopts the amendments to *Greenway Connections* to include seven new Greenway Guides: Centers and Greenspaces, Slower Safer Streets, Rural Roads, Building Bicycle Networks, Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps, Recycling and Waste Collection, and Green Infrastructure.

Approved: May 9, 2017

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the above Hudson Valley Greenway resolution

Second: Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Traudt: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Consent for Eveready

Motion: Trustee Neuneker: For the Village of Rhinebeck to send a letter of consent to the Dutchess County Clerk’s Office stating the village has no objection to the filing of the map of the consolidation deed that was filed with the County on February 1, 2017 for the Eveready Diner property located at 6585 Route 9 Rhinebeck.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Traudt: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

DC Hazard Mitigation

Motion: Mayor Bassett: For the Village of Rhinebeck to work with the police and fire departments in order to update and complete the Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Second: Trustee Traudt

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Traudt: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Amended Motion: Mayor Bassett: For the Village of Rhinebeck to complete the review and make recommendations to adopt the Dutchess County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Second: Trustee Traudt

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Traudt: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Correspondence-

Trustee Scott Cruikshank-

Clerk Coon read a letter of resignation received via email with the effective day of May 9, 2017. Clerk Coon reported that she is waiting on receiving the original in order for it to be effective and has reached out to Scott for it.

Aluminum Ramp Bid

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Opened the bids received for the aluminum ramp and received a bid from Mike Wolff for \$200, and Paul Matthies for \$335.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit: For the Village of Rhinebeck to accept the bid received from Paul Matthies in the amount of \$335, pending the receipt of the scrap value of the ramp from the manufacturer.

Second: Trustee Traudt

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Traudt: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Community Nursery-

Leslie Kidder from the Community Nursery School has requested short term parking on South Street. Sgt. Dunn will work with the Village Attorney on amending the Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow 15 minute parking on South Street Monday to Friday from 9:00am-12:15pm.

Memorial Day Celebration-

Clerk Coon read the email sent by Barbara Kraft in regards to the floral cross arrangement to honor the veterans to be placed at the Legion Park on Mill Street. Members of the public Dennis McGuire and Peter Sipperley both spoke on their options on not removing the cross. Joanne Gelb spoke in support to Barbara Kraft’s letter. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the symbolism of placing the cross. Trustee Neuneker suggested asking the religious leaders in the

community and to get their input on the type of symbol to be placed at the park. Mayor Bassett suggested adding a wreath to reflect everyone and their beliefs for this year, and to look into options next year.

Baseball Outing-

Clerk Coon discussed receiving information about a game and picnic from the Hudson Valley Renegades and is scheduled for June 22, 2017 against the New York Yankees farm team. Tickets will be available to the Village of Rhinebeck employees, friends and family at a cost of \$26 per person.

Tom Wallbank-

Clerk Coon reported on received the resignation from Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Tom Wallbank effective May 24, 2017. The Village will post the position within the department initially.

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To accept the resignation of Tom Wallbank effective May 24, 2017.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To accept the vacation buy out request from Tom Wallbank at the maximum allowed by union contract of 200 hours.

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Motion: Mayor Bassett: With no further business to discuss to close the meeting at 9:45.

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Coon, RMC
Village Clerk

