

VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.  
MONDAY, November 15, 2021  
Tarrytown Village Hall  
One Depot Plaza, Tarrytown, New York

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Members of the Public may attend in person or remotely. For those members of the public interested in viewing and/or participating in the meeting remotely, visit <https://www.tarrytowngov.com/home/events/36746> for instructions on how to join & participate via zoom.

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7 P.M. To 8 P.M. Town Hall Discussion for Public Input on Cannabis Opt-Out Alternatives pursuant to NYS Law on A. Retail Sales/Dispensaries and B. Consumption Establishments.

Note – If there are no speakers on the Cannabis questions, the Board will proceed to Regular Business before 8 p.m. If members of the public who wish to speak on the Cannabis questions arrive after 7 p.m. but before 8 p.m. and the Village is on other matters, the Board will allow the person to speak after the discussion on the item at the time is completed.

8 P.M. Regular Village Board Meeting

1. Board Miscellaneous and Liaison Reports
2. Presentation by Lauren Brois, Sustainable Westchester, regarding the Tri-Village (Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Irvington) Energy Smart Westchester program.
3. Changes and/or Additions to the Agenda
4. Administrator's Report
  - Reminder about Universal Television Filming Tuesday & Wednesday Nov. 16 and 17
  - Con Edison Gas Work Update
5. Opportunity for the Public to address the Board only on items listed on the agenda, other than public hearing items. Speakers shall have three (3) minutes each to address the Board of Trustees.
6. Resolution on CPMC recommendation regarding a Wayfinding /interactive map App

WHEREAS the Village of Tarrytown has been working with Travel Storys the locational and tourism app funded by New York State through the New NY Bridge Community Benefit Fund, who developed an audio tour app in coordination with the Villages of Tarrytown, Irvington and Sleepy Hollow as the result of the receipt of this grant, and

WHEREAS the Village of Tarrytown’s Comprehensive Plan Management Committee has recommended that the Village community would benefit from having a directional program that has interactive capabilities for wayfinding; and

WHEREAS the Village has been advised that we can utilize the existing app platform to develop an interactive app in Tarrytown to allow clickable access to a user’s interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with Travel Storys to add an mobile wayfinding and interactive map app that will assist users in finding points of interest within the Village of Tarrytown.

7. Policy to Waive Application Fees – Tri-Village Energy Smart Westchester Program

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown is collaborating with Sustainable Westchester and the Villages of Sleepy Hollow and Irvington to promote adoption of installation of energy efficiency measures including insulation, electric heat pumps and geothermal wells as part of the Tri-Village Energy Smart Westchester Program; and

WHEREAS, the incentives to participate in this program will be enhanced by reducing the costs associated with such upgrades, for the duration of the program, which ends in May, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorize the Village Administrator, Building Inspector and the Village Treasurer to implement this policy that the application fee and building department fee shall be waived for applications that come in to the Village of Tarrytown Building Department associated with the Energy Smart Westchester Program associated with installation of energy efficiency insulation and building envelope sealing, upgrades of existing home heating and cooling systems from fossil-fuel based technology to efficient, geothermal systems and electric heat pump systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this waiver is effective immediately and shall expire on May 31, 2022

8. Closing of Main Street- Downtown Winter Stroll Event December 4, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the closing of Main Street between Broadway and Washington Street, with barricades placed to secure the parking spaces for café tables on the north side of Main Street between Washington Street and the La Perla Poblana Taqueria on December 4, 2021 for the Winter Stroll Event coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce and all businesses that wish to participate between the hours of 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized and directed to take the necessary and appropriate actions and to work with the involved Village departments and the Chamber of Commerce to make the Winter Stroll Event possible.

9. Authorization for the Village of Tarrytown to Act as Lead Agency in coordination with Scenic Hudson, Westchester County and other cooperating government agencies on the Cross-Metro North Pedestrian Bridge

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown, Scenic Hudson, Westchester County and the New York State Thruway Authority have been working cooperatively for several years to prepare a conceptual plan for the creation of a connecting pedestrian and bicycle path over the Metro North Hudson Line railroad tracks that would connect ends of RiverWalk near Losee Park heading south to the Van Wart Avenue trailhead and up to the Bridge's shared use path (SUP); and

WHEREAS, connecting RiverWalk to Westchester's emerging system of regional trails, including the SUP across the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, as well as to the nearby Old Croton Aqueduct (OCA), and in the future, possible bicycle trails/dedicated lanes that will expand the trail system in Tarrytown and in the neighboring River Towns has economic, tourism, transportation and quality of life benefits to the area and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would close a final remaining gap in the connection in the RiverWalk in Westchester County in the three-village area (Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Irvington) thereby leveraging prior investments that have completed existing segments in these communities; and

WHEREAS, once completed, this trail will provide a walking/biking link between important Westchester historic sites such as Lyndhurst, Sunnyside, Kykuit and Phillipsburg Manor, and would greatly benefit walkers and bicyclists using the SUP over the Bridge from Rockland County, providing them with safe access to the RiverWalk trail on the Westchester side of the river; and

WHEREAS, the RiverWalk connection is more than a trail project, since it would also serve as an important multi-modal transportation and tourism connection between the SUP, the OCA, the Tarrytown Waterfront and Metro North rail service at the Tarrytown Station, Bee Line bus service throughout the County, the Lower Hudson Transit Link (LHTL) bus line and local emerging trail systems in Irvington, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County Executive George Latimer has included a proposal for \$1.3 million in its 2022 Capital Budget intended to co-fund the Environmental Review, with the balance of funding to come from grants, state agencies and/or other funding sources, so that this review can be conducted at no cost to the Village, and Scenic Hudson has committed to hire an owner's rep to serve as project manager for the project, thereby minimizing any burden on staff time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown authorizes the Village of Tarrytown to Act as Lead Agency in the Environmental Review for the extension of the Westchester RiverWalk from Green Street near Losee Park, going beneath the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, up to its Shared Use Path, and proceeding south to connect to the existing segment of the RiverWalk south of the Bridge, and authorizes the Village Administrator and other involved village staff to take the necessary and appropriate actions to proceed with this project at the appropriate time.

10. Westchester County Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Westchester County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS: The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS; a coalition of Westchester County municipalities, including the Village of Tarrytown, that share like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Tarrytown

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2022 Westchester County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) as the Village of Tarrytown’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertains to this jurisdiction and the Village of Tarrytown further:
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre-and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority
- 4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants of this Plan.
- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner with operations.
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

## 11. NYSHIP-Domestic Partners

WHEREAS, the State of New York and various counties, cities, towns, villages and other governmental entities throughout the State and numerous employers in the private sector have extended health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of their unmarried employees whether or not they are same-gender or opposite-sex domestic partners; and

WHEREAS, a domestic partner is a person with whom an employee resides and maintains an exclusive, committed, long-term relationship of mutual support and financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown believes that it is in the best interests of the Village to accord health insurance benefits to domestic partners of unmarried Village employees equivalent to the benefits available to spouses of Village employees; and

WHEREAS, that in implementing the above amendments, the Village hereby adopts, as a minimum standard, the requirements for enrollment of domestic partners, including submission of proof of joint residency for one year and affidavits of financial interdependence; with supporting documents; and

WHEREAS, that upon the termination of a domestic partnership as a result of said domestic partnership by either partner, the Village employee may not obtain health insurance benefits for a new domestic partner until said new domestic partnership has been in effect for a continuous period of one year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislation shall take effect immediately upon adoption of said resolution, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator and Village Treasurer are directed to take the necessary and appropriate actions to report this adoption and facilitate the implementation of this amendment to the Village of Tarrytown's NYSHIP Benefit Policy

12. Adoption of a code change to begin requiring the payment of parking fees in village-owned commuter lots A, C, D, F and G on Saturdays

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the adoption of policy and code change to Chapter 291-41C entitled Maximum parking time limit; Days and Hours of Parking of the Tarrytown Village Code requiring the payment of the current hourly parking fees on Saturdays in village-owned commuter lots A, C, D, F and G; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator and the Village Clerk are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions with all involved departments to file this amendment to the Village Code with our code publisher, and begin the process to provide for the reprogramming of parking meters and parking "apps", and to update all signage and public information to provide for the orderly implementation of this policy.

13. Authorization for part-time engineering support and assistance to the Village Engineer.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the appointment of Mariana Riis on a part time basis, at an hourly rate of \$40.00 per hour, subject to the requirements of civil service, to provide part-time engineering support and assistance to the Village Engineer on various projects, grant projects, capital projects and similar and related tasks the Engineering Department is working on.

14. Fire Department - Membership Changes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the following Fire Department membership changes recommended at the October 21, 2021 Board of Fire Wardens meeting:

- Justin Cochrane has been approved for Out-of-Town Active Membership at Consolidated Engine Co.
- Michael D'Alessio has been approved for Out-of-Town Active Membership at Hope Hose #1
- Giovanni Bruno has been approved for Active Membership at Hope Hose #1

- Francis Clark and Michael Perreira have been approved for Active Membership at Riverside Hose #4
- Brian Usher has been approved for Mutual Aid Membership for the Department, and
- Logan Spector has been approved for membership on Marine 5.
- Ruslan Azarin and Angel Basora have been removed from the Active Rolls at Washington Engine.

15. Recreation Attendant

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Angelina Smajlaj as Recreation Attendant to work at the Front Desk at the Fitness Center at a salary of \$14.25 per hour effective (retroactive to her start date of May 17, 2021 in this position at this hourly wage) subject to all applicable civil service rules and regulations

16. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of November 1, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, November 1, 2021 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

11. Approval of Audited Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 9 of the Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$ 930,328.93 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 820,237.89
Water	\$ 57,483.71
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,074.87
Capital	\$ 0
Library	\$ 29,287.85
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 22,244.61</u>
Total	\$ 930,328.93

11. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board on items not included on the agenda.  
Speakers have three (3) minutes before yielding to the next speaker

12. Adjournment