

WORK SESSION

MAY 10, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on May 10, 2022, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided.

PRESENT: Town Board Members Finch, Boyle, Farley, Francisco, Dumian
Town Counsel Cheryl Sacco
Town Clerk Sherrie L. Jacobs
Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington
Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader Nick Platt

GUESTS: Country Courier Elizabeth Einstein
Laurie Francisco

CODE CHANGES TO BUILDING AND FLOOD PLAINS

Mr. Dumian stated that he made numerous phone calls to Town Engineer John Mastronardi and Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco as they worked to condense the proposed changes to the Town Code regarding building and flood plains, adding that the Town had been working with old flood plain maps that need to be updated. He stated that the goal is to prevent flooding damage from too many people filling in the flood plain.

In looking at the proposed law, Ms. Sacco stated that Section 76-14 (4) overrides everything else and can act as a “go to” for the Code Officer as it specifies “whenever any portion of a floodplain is authorized for development,” and goes on to explain the required compensatory storage. She added that Sections 1 through 3 of Section 76-14 are not current. Mr. Dumian added that structures would be required to be built above the elevation line of 100-year or 500-year flood, depending upon location. Mr. Francisco asked if a survey would be required, and Mr. Dumian replied that a survey would be required as proof to the Town.

Ms. Sacco stated that zone updates are needed to make the local law effective and protective. She added that “adjacent to site” does not mean adjacent properties owned by the same person, unless they are combined into one parcel. Ms. Sacco also added that builders “cannot push water out to neighboring properties.” Mr. Dumian stated that he had been hesitant to pursue updating the flood maps because he feared it would increase the cost of flood insurance and drive down home values, but he added that the cost of flood insurance has already increased dramatically. The Board will schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed local law for June 28.

TOWN HALL ROOF & HVAC

Mr. Dumian reported that he has been getting proposals for the HVAC system for the Town Hall, adding that the HVAC system must be decided before the Town contacts roofers to repair/replace the roof because roofers would have to know where air handling equipment would be located if on the roof. He added that Postler and Jaeckle have the Broome County bid specifications for HVAC systems. He added that the Town is looking at a hybrid system.

Mr. Boyle stated that the air handling system should be in a cradle to allow easier access to installing new roofing materials and to help prevent leaks, adding that wedges should be installed in the center of the roof to push water out to the drains. Currently the water all pools toward the center of the roof.

PROPOSED CLIMATE LAW

The Board began to discuss the proposed Climate Law that New York State wants to impose. The time for public comment is open currently and the Board is considering resolutions to submit regarding the proposed law, which the Board stated is an “unfunded mandate.” Mr.

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Farley commented that the proposed law had “no plan and no enforcement.” Mr. Boyle stated that the proposed law will prohibit burning of wood or pellets for heat.

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The Town Board of the Town of Conklin held a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on May 10, 2022, at the Conklin Town Hall. Mr. Dumian, Supervisor, presided. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| PRESENT: | Town Board Members | Finch, Boyle, Farley, Francisco, Dumian |
| | Town Counsel | Cheryl Sacco |
| | Town Clerk | Sherrie L. Jacobs |
| | Highway Superintendent | Brian Coddington |
| | Parks/Water/Sewer Team Leader | Nick Platt |
| | Planning Board | Sandi Beam |

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| GUESTS: | Country Courier | Elizabeth Einstein Laurie Francisco |
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MINUTES: APRIL 26, 2022 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Mr. Francisco moved to approve the April 26, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Finch thanked Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Einstein for her good work on the minutes for this meeting, while Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs was out of town for the NYSTCA Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORT: CODE OFFICE

Mr. Dumian stated that there have been some complaints regarding the Pritchard property at the north end of Town and added that Code Officer Nick Pappas is making sure the development is in compliance with the site plan.

REPORT: HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Brian Coddington stated that his crew is finished with brush pickup and is now working on paving projects, adding that he purchased cold mix to save money due to increased cost of paving products.

Water/Sewer/Parks Team Leader Nick Platt state that the electronics pickup was successful. He stated that work on opening the ball fields and pool are in progress. The new fences “look good,” stated Mr. Dumian. Mr. Platt stated that the new equipment works well.

In response to resident concerns about the walking trail in the Corporate Park, Mr. Platt stated that Broome County is clearing brush and mowing.

Mr. Platt stated that the Town does not qualify for the grant for the generators, adding that emergency response sites have preference. He will submit the application anyway, but does not expect the Town to receive any grant funding.

REPORT: SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE

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The Supervisor's Report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

JAKE BRAKES ON ROUTE 7

Mr. Dumian reported that a request has been submitted to the New York State Department of Transportation requesting that the use of Jake brakes be prohibited on Route 7.

CODE & DOG CONTROL UPDATES

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town Dog Control Office has been working on dangerous dog cases, including one on Muckey Road, in which the dog in question has bitten four people. Mr. Dumian stated that he personally spoke with the dog owner on Stillwater Road that has created issues. Mr. Dumian stated that the Dog Control Officer is "doing a great job."

Mr. Dumian stated that the cleanup of the property on Powers Road stopped during the last three weeks, adding that the site is an "eyesore" and the Town has received numerous complaints. He added that it is a safety hazard and needs to be cleaned out.

NEW BUSINESS:

GRANT FUNDING INFORMATION

Mr. Dumian reiterated that the Town is not eligible for grant funding for its generators.

Mr. Dumian stated that Mr. Pappas is looking into grant funding for home repairs for properties with Code violations, adding that this program was used successfully in the Town of Binghamton. A speaker from the grant program will be at either the June or July Town Board meeting. Mr. Dumian explained that some of the money goes to administration of the grant.

SCHNURBUSCH PARK PUMP HOUSE

Mr. Dumian stated that the pump house at Schnurbusch Park will be modified and a door installed so that the building can be used to store sports equipment, such as the portable mound.

RESO 2022-62: APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS #22-00373 - #22-00427/\$59,440.10

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves payment of the following Claims #22-00373 through #22-00427, which have been audited and approved for payment, in the total amount of \$59,440.10:

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| General | \$ 31,714.45 |
| Highway | 5,656.27 |
| Light Districts | 1,384.68 |
| Water Districts | 17,853.14 |
| Sewer Districts | <u>2,831.56</u> |
| Total | \$ 59,440.10 |

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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CLIMATE LAW

The Town Board discussed the proposed New York State “Climate Law,” which Mr. Dumian called “absolutely ridiculous” and another unfunded mandate. He went on to stated that solar panels, one of the State’s suggested replacements for fossil fuels, are toxic at the end of their lives. Mr. Boyle stated that the Town should send a letter to local representatives.

**RESO 2022-63: ADOPT TWO RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING CLIMATE LAW AND
AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SEND COVER LETTER**

Mr. Farley moved to adopt the two following resolutions and to authorize the Supervisor to send a cover letter regarding the same, seconded by Mr. Finch:

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL'S DRAFT SCOPING PLAN**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York on the 10th day of May, 2022, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State adopted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("Climate Act"), which set some of the nation's most aggressive targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and accelerating renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Act called for the creation of a Climate Action Council that is charged with developing a Scoping Plan of recommendations to meet these targets; and

WHEREAS, as the Council developed its draft Scoping Plan, it consulted with several Advisory Panels that held sector-specific discussions and provided recommendations for their subject areas; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Local Government Advisory Group, which advised on two key sections of the report that will directly impact counties and municipalities and require their partnership, did not include any members who currently work in local government; and

WHEREAS, county and municipal leaders are best positioned to understand local needs and anticipate how meeting the Climate Act's goals could disproportionately impact their communities and economies; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations included in the draft Scoping Plan released in December 2021 do not adequately balance the goal to accelerate renewable energy production with the need for food production; and

WHEREAS, the draft Scoping Plan's recommendations to prohibit new gas service to existing buildings and certain gas/oil equipment in new construction beginning in 2024 will be costly to residents and businesses and could leave New Yorkers in the cold during harsh winters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Conklin expresses frustration with the lack of local government representation on the Climate Action Council and its Advisory Panels and the lack of local input in the development of the draft Scoping Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED counties and other local governments should be engaged as active participants in the review and implementation of the Scoping Plan and provided with technical planning and zoning assistance in all areas where they are relied upon to implement the recommendations of the Scoping Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the State's timetable for meeting its renewable energy

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production goals and transitioning away from natural gas is too aggressive and should be extended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the State should level the playing field to incentivize landowners to protect productive farmland, which naturally captures carbon dioxide and should be conserved wherever possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Conklin shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the President/CEO of the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, and all others deemed necessary and proper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sherrie L. Jacobs, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Conklin at a meeting thereof held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York on the 10th day of May, 2022. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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| Supervisor William Dumian, Jr | YES |
| Councilman Dell Boyle | YES |
| Councilman William Farley | YES |
| Councilman Charles Francisco | YES |
| Councilman James E. Finch | YES |

Dated: May 10, 2022

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

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**A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON NEW YORK STATE
CLIMATE COUNCIL'S DRAFT SCOPING PLAN FOR NEW YORK'S CLIMATE
LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT (THE "CLIMATE ACT")**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin, held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York on the 10th day of May, 2022, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State Legislature enacted New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (the "Climate Act") that requires the total carbon emissions from New York State population be no more than 60% and 15%, respectively, of the 1990 carbon emissions (the average New Yorker's annual carbon footprint is reduced from 22.7 tons/year to 13.6 by 2030 ("2030 Mandate") and 3.0 tons per year by 2050 ("2050 Mandate")); and

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WHEREAS, in the 2030 and 2050 Mandates, the Legislature created an energy rationing system that puts all New Yorkers (and their communities) in competition for the affordable energy needed for a sustainable community and/or "healthful environment" (the state cap is 61.47 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent); and

WHEREAS, in order to enforce the rationing system, the Climate Act Section 7 requires all state agencies to evaluate whether each and every decision (in particular infrastructure decisions) will be inconsistent with the 2030 and/or 2050 carbon footprint mandates and, if inconsistent (or will interfere with the attainment of the mandates), determine whether it is necessary and, if so, require alternatives or greenhouse gas mitigation measures. If not necessary, deny/terminate; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Act Section 12 provides each aggrieved person standing to commence an Article 78 proceeding in the NYS Supreme Court to enforce compliance with the Climate Act including compliance with the mandates and Section 7; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Act has granted to each and every state agency veto power over any and all projects requiring a state agency approval or decision and has granted the wealthy aggrieved person (who may be in competition for those carbon emissions) a tool to kill and/or delay a competitive and/or disliked project including even the renewal of an existing permit; and

WHEREAS, the rationing of carbon emissions will exacerbate the upstate/downstate divide; the urban versus rural divide; the wealthy versus the working-class divide; the divide between municipal officials struggling to provide critical services and the environmental organizations. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") has recently used Section 7 authority to deny the repowering of two natural gas power plants in Orange County. DEC is under pressure to deny a permit renewal to a crypto currency facility because some feel the fossil fuel energy should not be rationed to that product. DEC is holding up numerous Title V air permits due to its inability to make a consistency determination under Section 7; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the 2050 Mandate, the Climate Act mandates by 2040 that all the electricity generated by fossil fuels and the anticipated demand growth will have to be provided/replaced by wind (onshore and offshore), solar, hydro from Canada and other renewable sources ("2040 Mandates"). Due to lobbying efforts, biomass is no longer considered a renewable energy source in New York; and

WHEREAS, the New York Independent System Operator ("NYISO") - which manages New York's energy grid - divides the state into two distinct areas - Upstate Energy (Zones A-E) and Downstate Energy (Zones F-K). The Upstate Energy zones currently use about 1/3 of the total electricity generated each year. According to NYISO 2021 Report of 2020 usage, the upstate sources of electricity are 90% zero carbon emission; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the Downstate Energy zones, which represent two-thirds of the state electricity consumed, the story is quite different. According to NYISO 2020 Power Trend Report of 2019 usage and NYISO 2021 Power Trend Report of 2020 usage, the downstate sources of electricity were 69% fossil fuel in 2019 and 77% fossil fuel in 2020 (and are projected to be well over 90% fossil fuel in 2022); and

WHEREAS, the NYISO 2020 Climate Change Impact and Resiliency Study, which analyzed the Climate Acts 2040 zero emission electricity target determined that the 2040 Zero emission Grid Mandate is not feasible and would result in an unreliable (and thus unsafe) electric grid. In other words, the 2040 Mandate and 2050 Mandate are fantasies; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the GHG emission sources in New York State breakdown as follows:

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| Transportation (mostly travel over land) | 28% |
| Buildings (mostly heating buildings) | 32% |
| Electricity | 13% |
| Industry | 9% |
| Agricultural and Forestry (mostly livestock) | 6% |
| Waste (mostly methane from landfills) | 12% ;and |

WHEREAS, the Climate Act delegates to an appointed council of 22 individuals' responsibility to develop a draft plan by December 31, 2021, to reduce the average New Yorker's carbon footprint to near zero. The Draft Scoping Plan was issued in December, 2021, and this resolution and its attachments constitute the initial comments of the Town Board of the Town of Conklin; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Scoping Plan mandates over a hundred (if not several hundred) different measures affecting all aspects of our daily lives and community activities. The following four prohibitions are responsible for the majority of the reductions:

1. Elimination of the use of fossil fuels for land travel;
2. Elimination of the use of fossil fuels for all aspects of residential living including heating, cooking, outdoor equipment, hot water, and clothes dryer;
3. Conversion of the electric grid to all renewable and zero emission sources;
4. Transformation of the solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition on the use of gas, propane or home heating oil in our daily activities is schedule to occur over the next 13 years (in 2024 for new homes; starting in 2030 for existing homes); and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of the use of fossil fuels for land travel is more gradual and includes the following measures:

1. Provide direct rebates on zero emission vehicles supported by new fees on **purchase of fossil fuel vehicles**;
2. Adopt mechanisms to discourage vehicle use and generate funds for public projects, including congestion pricing, variable cost parking, **increased registration fees on carbon intensive vehicles, adoption of a per mile vehicle user fee system**, and increase municipal use of special assessment districts to fund public transportation investments;
3. Adopt California's Advanced Clean Car 2 Regulations, expected to require one hundred percent light-duty zero emission vehicle sales by 2035;
4. Adopt California Advanced Clean Truck Regulations requiring increase percentage of zero emissions Micro Hybrid Drives through 2035; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, DEC issued an order to close Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant due to the aquatic impacts from the withdrawal of non-contact cooling water from the Hudson River. In April, 2020, Indian Point was required to shut down Unit 2, and in April, 2021, Indian Point was required to shut down Unit 3. In 2019, when Indian Point was in full operation, it provided 25% of the downstate annual electric load (**16.7 million** megawatt-hours of zero-emission power); and

WHEREAS, in an April 29 press statement marking the closure of Indian Point, NYSERDA CEO **Doreen Harris** implied that the zero-emission electricity lost from Indian Point would be addressed stating that "New York State's electric grid is undergoing a transformative evolution in pursuit of the nation-leading goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act" including "developing a tremendous renewable energy project pipeline." As a

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follow up to that press statement, in November 2021, NYSERDA submitted a petition to the PSC seeking approval and ratepayer funded subsidies for two massive transmission projects to bring non-fossil fuel electricity to NYC. The Petition states that "[t]he selected projects are expected to deliver **18** million megawatt-hours of renewable energy per year to Zone J (i.e., New York City), more than a third of New York City's annual electric consumption, from a diverse generation portfolio including onshore wind, solar and hydroelectric power from Upstate New York and Quebec. Total investment into both projects is expected to amount to **nearly \$24 billion.**" Under NYSERDA's Petition, ratepayers throughout New York State (both upstate and downstate) are being required to fund two transmission projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Conklin does not support (and vigorously objects) to the mandate approach selected by the Climate Council to require all homes to install electric heating regardless of cost and feasibility. In lieu of a mandate, we suggest and encourage that the Climate Council develop a plan to make electric heat pumps the preferred and affordable technology when the homeowners need to replace their existing heating system. The correct approach is for the Climate Council to take an enabling approach - create the reality where the typical homeowner would select an electric heat pump system over fossil fuel system to heat their home. In the Town of Conklin, the average low temperature during December, January, February, and March are 1 6°F, 9°F, 11°F, and 1 8°F, respectively-which is at or below the temperature that electric heat pumps provide reliable and efficient heat; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Conklin does not support the mandate approach selected by the Climate Council to require all outdoor equipment to be all electric. Homeowners and users should have the choice whether to use gas fueled equipment and/or electric equipment- each has their own benefits and costs. Homeowners in New York State should have the same rights as homeowners in other states. Gas is mobile and is readily available; it allows a landscaper to move from site to site without stopping to recharge the battery; it allows the work to be performed where it is needed and in different weather. There is a role for both gas and electric power equipment and the decision should be left to the individual that is using the equipment - not to an elected official's political objective; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Conklin does not support the mandate approach selected by the Climate Council to force the consumer to purchase an electric car. The Climate Council should focus on developing a plan/program that makes electric vehicles the preferred choice because they become affordable, available, and feasible. In the Town of Conklin, a car or truck is a necessity- not a luxury. As a necessity, it must be affordable, available, and feasible to the vehicle owner. Affordability will depend, in part, on whether electricity remains affordable. Availability and feasibility will depend on the whether the necessary infrastructure is available and affordable to meet the needs of the vehicle owner. In our cold climate, parents need to know that they will get to their destination, that the car will work in the cold, that there is enough charge to get back home; and that the car can meet the family hauling needs. There needs to be enough electricity in the local grid to handle the additional load; the charging station must be accessible, convenient, and not be inordinately time consuming; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Conklin does not support imposition of a carbon tax, a mileage surcharge, increased registration fee for gasoline powered cars, or any additional tax on gas, propane, natural gas or home heating oil or a tax on solid waste. A carbon tax on the building heating sector and the transportation sector would simply make natural gas, gasoline, fuel oil and propane more expensive and thus make a vital necessity less affordable (transportation and heating) to residents. While the wealthy can afford an all-electric car and home, and second home and third home, the working class will more likely rely on fossil fuel to heat their home or fuel their car. Town of Conklin residents are more likely to have to travel day-to-day long distances and heat a home in a cold climate. The utility bills and gas bills are already too high and not sustainable on the median family income. As the use of fossil fuels decreases, the cost of maintaining the fossil fuel infrastructure will be spread over a smaller base increasing the costs to the remaining users; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Conklin finds that in adopting the Climate Act with its 2030, 2040 and 2050 Mandates, the Legislature made a grave mistake - the Legislature prioritized their

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goal of being recognized as a world leader in fighting Climate Change over the energy security of the state's residents. Under the recently adopted Green Constitutional Amendment, every New Yorker has a constitutional right to "healthful environment". Available and affordable energy is a critical component (comparable to air, water and food) to a healthful environment. Energy security is a constitutionally protected right. In the Climate Act, the Legislature effectively ordered the cessation of the use of fossil fuels; required all the state agency officials to enforce it the mandate in each and every decision; and empowered every aggrieved well-heeled donor/person the right to go to court to enforce it. The Climate Act mandates are the law and are enforceable in court regardless of whether the alternative energy sources are affordable, achievable, and available. The Climate Council selected its wish list of lofty directives without determining the cost and funding for those directives. The Town of Conklin agrees that reducing the use of fossil fuels for building heating, electric generation and land travel will reduce CO2 emissions and is admirable goal. The Legislature can support that goal by enabling the availability, affordability, and the feasibility of the alternative energy sources so that the public/consumer selects those technologies over fossil fuel powered technology. The Legislature and the Climate Council should focus on enabling carbon reductions; not ordering those reductions against the will and at the expense of its citizens' constitutional rights to choose the technology that protects their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Conklin petitions DEC, DOH and DEP for the following relief:

1. The Town of Conklin adopts this resolution and the attached white paper at its initial comments and directs the Town Clerk to submit these documents as comments on the Draft Scoping Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sherrie L. Jacobs, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Conklin and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Conklin at a meeting thereof held at Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York, on the 10th day of May, 2022. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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| Supervisor William Dumian, Jr | YES |
| Councilman Dell Boyle | YES |
| Councilman William Farley | YES |
| Councilman Charles Francisco | YES |
| Councilman James E. Finch | YES |

Dated: May 10, 2022

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Sherrie L. Jacobs, Town Clerk

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RESO 2022-64: RE-SCHEDULE JUNE 14 TOWN BOARD MEETING
TO JUNE 28 AT 6 P.M.

Mr. Finch moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin re-schedules the June 14 Town Board meeting to June 28, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Farley.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

RESO 2022-65: INTRODUCE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 3, 2022,
“FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION”/SCHEDULE PUBLIC
HEARING/JUNE 28, 2022 AT 6:05 P.M.

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin introduces proposed Local Law 3, 2022, “Flood Damage Prevention,” and schedules a Public Hearing for June 28, 2022, at 6:05 P.M.

Seconded by Mr. Francisco.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sacco thanked the Board for introducing the proposed local law and scheduling the Public Hearing.

CONKLIN YOUTH SPORTS

Mr. Farley reported that Opening Day will be June 4, although teams are already playing. He stated that the Conklin Junior Sabers Wrestling Team produced the Eastern National Champion and the fifth place contender.

ELECTRONIC SIGN AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Francisco proposed that the Town purchase an electronic sign to replace the current marquee at the Community Center, stating that it could be used for messages and to make the Town more visible to the public. He suggested a sign approximately the size of the one at the Conklin Fire Station #1, which would cost about \$33,000. Mr. Francisco stated that the Town could also consider purchasing a sign with lower resolution for approximately \$29,000. For comparison, the electronic sign at Schnurbusch Park cost less than \$14,000 five years ago. Mr. Francisco pointed out that the current marquee is on property owned by the Conklin Fair Committee.

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town will use the sign at Schnurbusch Park, adding that the Town cannot spend that much money and he doesn't see a cost benefit. Town Clerk Sherrie Jacobs stated that she feels an electronic sign on that part of Conklin Road, which has a speed limit of 50 miles per hour, would be a distraction and a safety hazard. Mr. Dumian expressed concerns about an electronic sign that close to the Conklin Veterans Memorial being a distraction from the memorial. A straw poll of the Board showed Mr. Finch, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Farley, and Mr. Dumian all being opposed to this purchase.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION/COVID BOOSTERS

Ms. Jacobs stated that the Food Bank of the Southern Tier food distribution will take place on May 16, and the Broome County Health Department will be present to give COVID booster shots to anyone who wants one.

MEMORIAL/LETTIE TREVARTHAN

Mr. Dumian stated that Elizabeth Einstein, one of the owners of the **Country Courier**, had written a very nice article about Loretta “Lettie” Trevarthan, which will be published soon in the newspaper. The dedication of Mrs. Trevarthan’s stone will be held on June 4. Mr. Dumian stated that he and Mr. Platt are working on wording for the plaque for the stone.

POTENTIAL NEW BALL FIELDS

Mr. Dumian stated that the Town is considering purchasing property at 1158 Conklin Road (the corner of Powers Road) for additional ball fields. There is a donor involved but that person needs a certified appraisal of the property, which will cost approximately \$1,800.

**RESO 2022-66: HIRE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM MATT CONGDEN/
CERTIFIED APPRAISAL/1158 CONKLIN ROAD**

Mr. Farley moved for the following resolution:

Be It Resolved: that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin approves hiring professional services from Matt Congden for a certified appraisal of 1158 Conklin Road for a cost not to exceed \$1,900.

Seconded by Mr. Finch.

VOTE: Finch – Yes, Boyle – Yes, Farley – Yes, Francisco – Yes, Dumian – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER LINE BETWEEN CONKLIN AND KIRKWOOD

Mr. Dumian stated that Town Engineer John Mastronardi has been trying to get a quote for the geographical study that is the next step toward running a water line between the Towns of Conklin and Kirkwood, but to date he has not been able to get a quote for the study.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Francisco moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Farley. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie L. Jacobs
Town Clerk

