

**Town Board Meeting  
December 6, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

**Zoom:** Meeting ID: 841 5857 8419    Passcode: 568599

**Present:** Supervisor Aaron, Councilor Tucker, Councilor McCormack, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Attorney Smith

**Also, Present (in Person):** Paula Powell, Donna Himmelfarb, Joe Pulo, Susan Moran, Jack Haggerty, John Paddock, Judy Bettis, Jerry Carroll, Pat Carroll, Holly Gregg, Ron Laxton, Joshua Allyn, Nancy Cannuciari, Richard Whalen, Guido Vander Ven, Amy Marsden, Mark Marsden, Margaret Fitzgerald, Lili Winkelman, Karen Barkdull, Lee Buttolph, Dessa Bergan, Pat Morgan, Royal Morgan, Jeanne Pascoe, Braden Parker, Fiona Foley, Joshua Allyn, Holly Teasedale-Edwards, Zoe Barklay, Lily Yengao, Karen Haggerty, Sharon Tanner, Holly Gregg, Carlee Pitman, Coral Bales, Sally Sheehan, CJ Jarmin, .

**Also, Present (via Zoom):** **Meghan Lynch**, Skip Lockwood, Brian Buff, Chris Buff, Jason Gabak, Kelly Bronner, Miranda Robinson, Allan Wellington, Bob Slivinski, Robert Herrmann, Fran McCormack, Nick Weslowski, Joy Chamandy, Bridget Winkelman, Kim Benda, JP Meyers, Kathleen Zapata, Shane Christman, Steven Frackenpohl, Amy Laxton, David Lee, Tara Lynn, Kim Persse, Sue Dove, David Wilcox, Michael Drake, Gregg Erikson, Lisa Hart, Dominick Trivisonno, Ed Evans.

**Highway & Water:** Highway Superintendent Allan Wellington reported Winter had begun and the plows had been out 7 times for the season. They took delivery of 2 new pickup trucks that were ordered on State Bid, continued roadside mowing, repaired street signs, performed general maintenance to to equipment and buildings, cleaned up fallen trees on Foster and Crow Hill Roads. He had also ordered “No Parking – Town Away Zone” signs for Mill Road, they had picked up 23 concrete boulders for stabilizing a stream bed along Cemetery Road. The Highway Department is working jointly with Onondaga County Soil and Water to install ta retaining structure. He hired Jacob Fey for the Motor Equipment Operator/Mechanic position, Jake will start December 15, 2021. He will continue to interview for a second Motor Equipment Operator. In the Water Department the radios had been installed and prograded for the Talcott Water District, a new water service was installed on East Street, there was a water main rupture on Jewett Road and Brandon continued to winterize fire hydrants. A replacement fire hydrant had been delivered for Fennell Street, they worked with Tessy Plastics to test fire flow at their Visions Drive location and conducted interviews for a Public Works Water Operator position.

**Transfer Station:** Municipal Recycling Liaison/Refuse Officer Brian Buff reported 24 trash compactors had gone out since the last meeting, 8 loads of recyclables, 1 load of steel, 1 load of cardboard. 2 loads (20 pallets) of electronics, Brillo’s had started to pick up the used oil and the new 2022 Transfer Station Permits went on sale December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Town Hall. Mr. Buff stated he is almost finished with his new office; he should be in there this week.

Councilor Legg stated Brian had done a great job adding on to the existing building at the Transfer Station to create an office space. The cost of this project was low since Brian had done the work himself.

**Codes:** Councilor Tucker reviewed the Codes Office report for November 2021, He reported there were 14 new permits issued at a total construction cost of \$1,745,900.00 with permit costs for a total of \$13,343.80, 8 Certificates of Completion and 2 Notices of Violation. Councilor Tucker stated Mr. Herrmann reported at this time there are 52 expired permits. The Town is about 12 building permits or so behind last year at this time.

**Planning and Zoning:** Councilor Tucker reported on the open projects report submitted there are 4 open projects. Councilor Tucker reviewed the status of existing open projects. Chris Graham – Application pending for re-design of multi-family residences for the RR district. Meunier -The application for 8 condo units in the “Block” building on Jordan Road, is pending with the Planning Board. ZBA approved the variances at their March 3, 2020, meeting and extended the time of approval through March of 2022. Victory Sports – The application is pending as the Applicant is considering the potential for smaller scale development on the property. Zell – attached garage project on hold. Lakelawn – proposed brick and stone masonry wall to replace wood fence along West Lake Road. Other activities included four pre-application meetings. The Planning and Zoning Clerks completed the required sexual harassment training and workplace violence training. They are expecting the Swanson application for the redevelopment of the Hilltop site will be part of the December Planning Board agenda.

**Parks:** Parks Manager Sue Murphy reported the Sims Building is closed for the season She had interviewed applicants for the Parks maintenance position. She is working on the Playday program and the software program to help with registration in 2022. Replaced a bench at the Charlie Major Nature trail, worked at the Town Hall to help with Transfer Station permits and she reminded everyone to keep their dogs on a leash at Austin Park and to not move the stakes along the walking path at the park.

**Staff Engineer:** Town Engineer Robinson reported on the following:

**Streetlights**

- Rickard Road streetlight has been fixed and other lights are being addressed.
- Due to the storm, I asked if there was a protocol for outages and at this time there is not one, however our assigned system monitor captures our data each day. Please contact 680-666-8284 for any outages.

**Water**

- The migration for the headworks upgrade is ongoing with the Village. Currently both the village and the town billing departments are working to simplify billing layouts. This upgrade has been in the works for well over a year, so we are hoping to wrap that up soon.
- There was a turbidity violation from the health department that occurred on 11/12/2021. The water is safe to drink. If you need more information regarding this violation, please contact me or look up the link on the town website. It is anticipated that there may be another violation today due to the high winds.
- The October and November monthly reports have been submitted to the Department of Health under my water operator license with a copy also going to the clerk’s office.

- Work has started at the Fox Run subdivision on County Line Road. Waterline work is ongoing, and a live tap will be made within the up-and-coming weeks.
- Work has also started at the Woodbine Hotel on Mottville Road. The crews will be closing the site for the season now that we are in the midst of unfavorable weather conditions.

#### Solar

- Project Update: the fence was installed over the last two weeks and was provided per the original contract drawings. There was some initial confusion on what fence was going to be installed, but the contractor provided what was specified in the original drawings. The connection inspection will take place on 12/17 with National Grid.
- A notice went out this morning to those residents that were unable to tap into the Skaneateles Solar Farm. “Solar Farms New York” has partnered with “Delaware River Solar” to provide the renewable energy option to the additional residents that signed up. The solar array at the transfer station only had capacity for 150 homes in Skaneateles, and nearly 500 homes signed up for this program. The outpouring of support has been outstanding, and even if you were a resident that could not tap into the Skaneateles Solar Farm, signing up with Delaware River Solar is still a great option to support the renewable energy effort.

**Dog Control :** Supervisor Aaron reviewed the November Dog Control Officer report. The Board gave a reminder that all dogs on the Charlie Major Nature trail must be on a leash.

**Motor Equipment Operator – Highway Department Appointment:** Supervisor Aaron stated Highway Superintendent and the Highway Superintendent elected had interviewed candidates for the Motor Equipment Operator position at the Highway Department.

Highway Superintendent Allan Wellington stated Mr. Fey lives in Skaneateles and had worked at the First Student bus garage and the Highway Employees are familiar with Jake. Jake has great mechanical skills and has a CDL driver’s license. With his qualifications Highway Superintendent Wellington stated he appointed Jacob Fey to the Motor Equipment Operator position.

Supervisor Aaron stated the Elected Highway Superintendent has the authority to appoint their employees, without approval from the Board. This is a courtesy to the Town Board.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board supported the appointment of Jacob Fey to the position of Motor Equipment Operator, subject to a background check, beginning December 15, 2021.

**Minutes of November 15, 2021:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of November 15, 2021, were accepted as presented.

**Town of Skaneateles Cemetery Rules and Regulations Amendment:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Board is in receipt of the updated rules for the Shepard Settlement and Mottville Cemeteries from Cemetery Superintendent Richard Eldredge who recommended changing the following:

“ A. To remove all flowers, wreaths and other decorations as soon as they become unsightly or dangerous and when cemetery closes for winter season, November 15<sup>th</sup>.”

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board approved the update to the rules of Mottville and Shepard Settlement Cemeteries as submitted by Richard Eldredge, Cemetery Superintendent.

**Authorize Data Collection Company:** Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board had received three proposals for the Town Data Collection:

Maxwell Appraisal Service (The Town of Skaneateles current assessor’s company)	\$100,000
KLW Municipal	\$290,000
Gar Associates, LLC	\$110,000

After review of all proposals the Board agreed the proposal received from Gar Associates, LLC was the proposal the Board would authorize. The Board agreed this project should be done by GAR, as they provided different options not available from the other proposals..

Supervisor Aaron stated the proposal was for \$110,000 with an additional \$20,000 for pictures of each parcel in the Town.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board approved the proposal from Gar Associates, LLC for a Town wide property data collection at a cost not to exceed \$130,000, subject to Attorney Smith’s review and approval of the contract submitted by Gar Associates, LLC.

**Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. – Introductory Local Law No. F of the Year 2021 “A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Skaneateles.”:**

Supervisor Aaron read the following statement:

“Before I ask the Board to open the public hearing, I have some comments to make. For several months this Town Board has been researching the NYS Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act that the Governor signed after it passed the NYS Senate and Assembly in March of this year. This Board has done more public involvement than any other Town Board that I know. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting on this subject. We have received comments at all of these meetings as we will tonight, received many letters requesting that the Board consider either opting out or opting in. We have read all letters and emails. In addition, Board members have reached out into the community and listened to many residents who prefer not to go on record but want their voices heard and they have toured facilities that process and grow cannabis products. There are 11 licenses that the State will issue under this Act. One will be for Microbusinesses that can happen whether we opt in or not and these licenses will be allowed to cultivate, process, distribute, deliver and sell their own cannabis products. In addition to reading your letters, the has listened to all of your comments and talked to many people outside of these meetings over the last 9 months.”



Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board is holding two public hearings. One on opting out to Retail Dispensaries and the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing for opting out to onsite consumption.

Supervisor Aaron stated each public hearing will be opened and everyone would be allowed to speak. Since we are in person and on Zoom, we will take turns going back and forth to hear all comments. We are limiting everyone to 3 minutes and Brody Smith, our Town Attorney will be keeping track. We can always come back to you if you have anything further you wish to state. We will listen to comments for both public hearings and close both hearings before proceeding. The first public hearing is to consider Introductory Local Law 2021-F to consider opting out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries.

Supervisor Aaron reviewed the affidavit of posting and publication.

Attorney Smith stated all comments should be directed to the Board not to each other in the audience. Each person will have three minutes to speak.

Attorney Smith explained the first public hearing would be whether the Board should opt out of cannabis retail dispensaries. The second public hearing would be regarding whether to opt out of onsite consumption. The Board is required to hold a public hearing on each law. If no action is taken on either, then both onsite consumption and retail licenses could be issued by the State of New York to businesses within the Town of Skaneateles. The Board has the opportunity to opt out of either category, after the required public hearings are closed.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, opened the public hearing for Introductory Local Law No. F of the Year 2021 “A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries within the Town of Skaneateles.

**Donna Himmelfarb, 8 Sachem Drive, Skaneateles :** Ms. Himmelfarb commented that she had smoked pot in college and graduate school. She graduated summa cum laude. It is safe to say smoking pot did not have a negative affect of her academic achievements. Marijuana has no withdrawal affects and you cannot say the same from withdrawing from opioids or alcohol. She explained her own life experiences regarding opiate withdrawal. There is substantial evidence that marijuana can be helpful with the withdrawal from opiates. She stated most of her peers consume alcohol and all of them had driven while impaired. Some of her friends had died from the use of alcohol or accidents when impaired from alcohol, she has lost no one from smoking pot. Some of her friends use it recreationally or for pain and anxiety. Recreational use of marijuana is legal in New York State, we should have easy access to a product that is produced safely and would contribute economically to the Town. She encouraged the Board to opt in.

**Skip Lockwood, 20 W. Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles:** Mr. Lockwood urged the Board to opt into the retail sales of marijuana in the Town. There are many advantages. Marijuana is legal this should be a place it could be used safely and acquired in a safe and controlled environment. The retail sales will be highly regulated by the State, much more regulated than liquor licenses. The Village and the Town have the opportunity to control the locations of retail through zoning. This product will be similar to the wineries and breweries in the area. Safe and effective legal access would cut down on the illicit access in the area. He asked the Board to opt in.

**Jerry Carroll, 7 East Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles:** New York has nonsensically given a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup> to make this decision. The only responsible no cost opportunity decision would be to opt out now and wait to see what the regulations will be. He stated he was not here to discuss the risks or benefits of marijuana; he is here to address our obligation to make an informed decision on behalf of the community. Permanently opting into something without knowing the regulatory structure is not an informed decision. He stated he was an attorney in the highly regulated financial service industry, and he would never advise a client to get into a regulatory environment they did not understand. Here you would be getting into a relationship with the New York Cannabis Control Board without knowing what the terms are. This is about making an informed decision not about smoking pot. You don't jump into a deal without knowing what the rules are. Do we know how many licenses would be issued in a square mile radius? He gave examples of Towns in Colorado, and the number of retail facilities are large. We have an opportunity to wait at no cost to us, lets wait to see what the environment looks like. He urged the Board to opt out.

**Nick Wesolowski, Pork Street., Skaneateles:** He stated if the Town opts out it would be extremely foolish. The Town would be missing out on the tax revenue. You are missing a boat based on fear. We should not base this on fear. In 3 years from now when the novelty wears off and prices drop there will not be as much tax revenue. Waiting will only help us lose tax revenue. It is important to keep the money here in our town. People are going to buy it anyway. Let's keep the money here and keep it safe. It is legally available, and it is a person choice to buy it. He urged the Board to opt in.

**Dessa Bergan, Old Seneca Tpk, Skaneateles:** Ms. Bergan asked the Board to respectfully consider Councilor McCormack's letter in the Press. She stated his reasoning was very good. We do not know what we are getting, we are buying a pig in a poke, so to speak. We do not know what the long-range consequences will bring. She stated she was a teacher for 33 years and asked what message this would send to the young people in the community. What we value is our penny. Do we want to tell our children to go ahead and use pot? Nothing against those who use pot, but do we want to send that message. Please consider opting out.

**Chris Buff, Sheldon Road, Skaneateles:** Chris Buff stated, in regard to our children, similar to alcohol and prescription drugs, as well as laundry pods, we are going to teach our children responsibility and accountability. Stay away from it, it is adult use. That is on the parents and the schools, not on the dispensaries or the Town. We have dangers in the home every day and they have to learn. As responsible parents we need to teach our children. opt in.

**Pat Carroll, 7 East Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles:** Ms. Carroll reviewed studies from Colorado stating black market marijuana seized post legalization went up 914%. It is a misnomer that illegal use will drop. It will increase due to the availability of the product. How is this going to benefit our community, it will be available other places. It comes back to the taxes. This is a for profit industry to sell more marijuana and make more profit. Is this the revenue stream we want for our community? We do not need that for a revenue stream. The State of Colorado after 4 years of legalizing marijuana only saw a 4% increase to their state budget. This does not seem like a big benefit. Most pot is used by smoking or vaping. We have had a 20-year war against smoking so now we are going to endorse smoking for revenue. If you want to use it in your home, there are

other places to get it. What is the benefit of having it here? We should wait till the regulations come out. There is no hurry. Pump the breaks and wait.

**John Pulos, New Seneca Tpk, Skaneateles:** Mr. Pulos stated he is a 73-year-old pot smoker. He had his first joint as a freshman at Hobart College. He went on to teach school and coach sports, and owned a very successful restaurant in Watkins Glen, NY. He had been on the Board of trustees for Hobart & William Smith College for 20 years, and not one time did he show up to any of these high on marijuana or under the influence of alcohol. Times change, situations change. We all remember the Vietnam war and the atrocities, now it is a tourist visit, students take field trip to the monument. He stated he grew up during the civil rights crisis when non-white people had to drink from separate fountains and had to sit at the back of the bus, and now he had seen America elect a black president, he never thought that would happen. 30 years ago, you were pulled over for driving drunk the officer took you home, now you go to jail. Marijuana use, not that long ago, was if you were caught with marijuana in certain quantities you would go to jail. Times change and situations changes. Marijuana is legal there has been no proof that where marijuana is legal in this country there had been any increase in accidents or other drug uses. The time has come to change, if you opt out you should close the bars and have a dry Town. opt in.

**Sue Moran, 5 Sachem Drive, Skaneateles:** Ms. Moran stated she did not come here to argue if marijuana is good or bad, it is more about our Town and zoning. If we were here looking at a McDonalds in our Town it would be the same situation. McDonalds does not sell healthy foods; do we want our children eating unhealthy food? We would not bring in a McDonalds with no zoning. This is what is scaring us, not if marijuana is good or bad or legal. It is matter of no regulations or no zoning or issues of law enforcement. This is not the pot smokers against the non-pot smokers, this about bringing something into our Town with no zoning and no regulations or assessment of cost. We can wait and look at opting in later. Do you want to be the Board that is know for getting us in and it blows up in our face? It may be fine but that is a big chance to take to possibly damage our Town forever.

**Michael Fitzgerald, 4 Talcott Lane, Skaneateles:** Mr. Fitzgerald stated he is a retired physician who practiced over 40 years. He has a son who lives in Missoula, Montana and they began selling marijuana in 2010 and the feds came in 2 years later and shut them down. Now there are 40 marijuana stores in their town which is similar in size to Auburn, NY. Do we want that? What is the rush? Every time you listen to the news kids are dying of drug overdoses. In the medical profession it is well know that marijuana is a gateway drug. As a physician to see the tail end of what happens is awful. When he was a medical student in NY, he saw a lot of drug overdoses. Break ins and crimes are many times due to drug use. He stated he did not know what the rush is.

**Guido Vander Ven, 36 Leitch Ave, Skaneateles, NY:** Mr. Vander Ven stated all the benefits of marijuana people talk about are not true. If you go to [drugabuse.gov](http://drugabuse.gov) it states marijuana is the number one drug found in fatal car accidents. It is still a felony at the Federal level. All the talk about revenue, are we in such desperate straits that we need to add revenue any way we can? We can do a lot of things to create revenue. He is sure McDonalds, Wendy's, etc. would be lining up to move in here. Is that what we want? This could be a three-year blip and the fade and could go away. We have a free option; we can look at this and wait and see what happens in other communities. He stated he did not see how this enhances the culture of our town.

**Jack Haggerty, 3 Heather Woods Court, Skaneateles:** Mr. Haggerty stated this is an emotional issue. He stated Councilor McCormack's letter in the Press was phenomenal. He stated he is a beer drinker and a little wine; he had smoked a little pot in high school. He does not really care what people do but he stated they should not go out and drive under any influence. He had just gotten off of Grand Jury duty and 90% of what went on was drug related. More drug and marijuana not alcohol. This is a very bad thing, drugs and alcohol. If someone does not want to participate don't. Most of us have beer wine or smoke pot once in a while but be responsible. This is a Noman Rockwell type of Town and we do not need this right now. The politicians that passed this law purposefully are making us rush into this. There is no reason to rush into this. This is a great community and area. Why do we want to take the chance of poisoning our community?

**Carol Jarmin, Onondaga Street, Skaneateles:** Ms. Jarmin stated she wanted to discuss bringing a negative element into our community. Ms. Jarmin stated in Breckenridge very bad things have happened and she would hate to see bad things happen in Skaneateles.

**Ron Laxton, Lacy Road, Skaneateles:** Mr. Laxton stated he wanted to thank the 4 Board members that came into this meeting with an open mind are willing to listen to the people who are here. He stated he could not believe Councilor McCormack had the arrogance to write the letter in the Press and draft the advertisement after one hearing was held with 10 people opting in and 4 against. You have already made up your mind and it is very short sided and arrogant. Mr. Laxton stated in this week's Press where Mr. McCormack's letter and ad were published, on the front page there was an article about Dickens Christmas and the award the Distillery had won. He did not recall a hearing when the distillery opened. Alcohol causes far more problems, health wise and family wise than cannabis. It has taken 4 years for the State to legalize marijuana, we have waited, and we have studies. The gateway drug myth had been disproven long ago, if any drug is a gateway, it is tobacco. opt in.

**John Paddock, 4 Wicklow Drive, Skaneateles:** Mr. Paddock thanked the Town and the Village Boards for having the information sessions and the public hearings to gain information and express views. His issue is one of process. The implementation of the MRTA timeline with the new Governor forcing municipalities to make a decision is hardly a way to create trust. The State has failed. He reviewed many issues the State had created for communities. He stated the social and economic equity plan had not been drafted yet. How will these small municipalities interests be best represented in the months and years ahead by the cannabis Advisory Board that had yet to be appointed, who are those people. He thanked the Board stating this is a very challenging issue for the Board.

**Joshua Allyn, 4272 Jordan Rd, Skaneateles:** Mr. Allyn stated the MRTA has enacted a 9% State excise tax with a 4% local tax. The 4% tax is split, with 25% going to the County and 75% going to the local municipalities. 40% of the tax is to be set aside to fund and reinvest in communities inappropriately impacted in the drug war, 40% of that is going to schools and public education, 20% is going to drug treatment and preventative education. Mr. Allyn reviewed the law as it is now written. Municipalities can enact zoning laws. A lot of the regulations for the processing has been created. The Town controls were it goes in our community with zoning laws and structure. No child is ever going into a dispensary. Teen use will go down, people will shift away from alcohol. We are already a bustling community with wineries and breweries. This is an opportunity to add to our community. There is enough data, please do your research. opt in.



**Skip Lockwood, 20 west Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles:** Mr. Lockwood stated the number of dispensaries licenses in an Assembly district would be somewhere between 3 and five, which means we will not suddenly have 5 dispensaries in our community. The people who will be using these dispensaries are the same people who use Mirabeau, the Bottle Shop and the Sherwood Inn. There had been many educational studies that show marijuana in fact is not the gateway drug. The pediatric Journal of American Medicine had a study stating there was actually decreased use of teens trying cannabis. This is a product that is safer and more highly regulated than products you use regularly, such as cigarettes and alcohol. We have happily embraced business that serve alcohol, they have brought a lot to the Village and Town. Dispensaries will do this as well; they will show case NY grown products. Smoking is only one method of using marijuana. There are now edibles, tinctures and topical salves. We are not just talking about smoking. Products will be properly labeled and packaged. Many of you talk about your children, do you talk about them when you walk by the Lakehouse Pub? opt in.

**Holly Gregg, Jordan Road, Skaneateles:** Mr. Gregg stated he had not followed this issue closely. He stated he is on the fence about the issue, he understood the hesitancy. He stated he trusted the experts like Josh Allyn and Skip Lockwood but also the idea of opting out till further notice is not a comforting idea. He suggested the Board could opt out but give a hard date in 2022 that they would relook at the issue.

**Michael Fitzgerald, 4 Talcott, Skaneateles:** Mr. Fitzgerald stated he did not understand what the rush is. He does not like the idea.

**Jerry Carroll, 7 East Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles:** Mr. Carroll stated it is not an issue of this Board studying more. It is the State has failed to give all the information needed for the Board to make an educated decision. There is no way the Board can make an informed decision. We can't give it a deadline since we do not know when the State will come out with the regulations. The State can over- ride the zoning, they have not given a number of how many licenses would be issued. How can the Board go into this blindly? There is no harm in saying we do not have enough information right now. Thank you again.

**Jack Haggerty, 3 Heatherwoods Court, Skaneateles:** Mr. Haggerty apologized on everyone's behalf for the attach on Councilor McCormack, it was totally unnecessary. He wanted all to be aware that Mr. Allyn has a business interest in the marijuana industry. There is no rush, we have all heard a lot of good arguments to opt out at this time. He stated the whole Village and Town should vote on this. This is a critical issue.

**John Paddock, 4 Wicklow Drive, Skaneateles:** Mr. Paddocked thanked Josh Allyn for a tour of his facility with Councilor McCormack to better understand the agricultural side of the industry. This is an opportunity for the farming community but there is still a lot to be done. This is an issue that affects the whole community. If we come together strategically and wait for the regulations it would be better for all.

**Holly Gregg, Jordan Road, Skaneateles:** Tap Root is an amazing facility, and it is very exciting. Those that are this business, such Josh Allyn it is their job to study the industry and the regulations, and they are studying the regulations. Let's keep it in mind this is a positive and move forward.

**Ron Laxton, Lacy Road, Skaneateles:** Mr. Laxton stated he stood by everything he said this evening. This industry will create jobs, how can you say no to jobs? opt in.

**Josh Allyn, 4272 Jordan Road, Skaneateles:** Mr. Allyn thanked everyone here this evening. We want to give people the right information. Hemp is cannabis. Hemp will reduce our use of plastic. Hemp was the first crop. Our Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper. This industry can co-exist again. It is time to move forward and look to the future. The State has put us in a bad position, we are not happy either, it effects our job. This Board will control all aspects. If you opt out it will not hurt me, you cannot shut me down. Cannabis is here. I want it for our community, this can benefit our community. opt in.

**Pat Carroll, 7 East Elizabeth Street:** Ms. Carroll stated there are studies in Colorado. Marijuana related traffic deaths increased by 66%. Colorado used more marijuana than any other state. There is a big difference between agricultural use and dispensaries. Why do we have to sell it here? In the grand scheme of things people can get it elsewhere. We have a responsibility to this community. One traffic death from marijuana is one too many. Let's wait.

**Chris Buff, Sheldon Road, Skaneateles:** Ms. Buff stated, most of the studies, particularly in Colorado are not peer reviewed and are skewed. Please site the studies you have referenced. They do not add they also find in the blood of accident victims' opiates and alcohol. As a veteran, nurse and parent who has seen death from opiates and alcohol, marijuana could save a life. Please opt in.

**Sue Dove, 9 East Street, Skaneateles:** Ms. Dove asked for the guidance of Attorney Smith, could this be put on the November ballot?

Attorney Smith stated there are 2 separate resolutions, dispensaries and onsite consumption. If the Board decides to opt out this would be subject to permissive referendum. This means if with in 45 days 10% of the number of people who voted in the last gubernatorial election signatures are collected, that would force a Town wide referendum. The law was written differently for Villages, there was a route for Villages to get to a referendum differently.

Ms. Carroll asked if this works in reverse. Attorney Smith stated no.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, closed the public hearing for Introductory Local Law No. F of the Year 2021 "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries within the Town of Skaneateles.

Supervisor Aaron reviewed the statement of facts of posting and publication for Introductory Local Law No. G of the Year 2021 A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis On-Site Consumption Sites Within the Town of Skaneateles.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, opened the public hearing for Introductory Local Law No. G of the Year 2021 "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis On-Site Consumption Sites Within the Town of Skaneateles.

**John Paddock, 2 Wicklow Drive:** Mr. Paddock stated he would like to say “ditto” to what he said previously.

**Pat Carroll, 7 East Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles:** opt out.

**Guido Vander Ven, 36 Leitch Ave, Skaneateles:** Mr. Vander Ven reviewed a study published by Dr. Lee, Director of the Center for Injury, Epidemiology and Prevention at Columbia University which states currently one of nine drivers involved in fatal crashes test positive for marijuana. This is very pertinent to onsite consumption. opt out.

**Sue Moran, 5 Sachem Drive, Skaneateles:** Ms. Moran asked if these local laws are connected? Would the board opt out together or separately?

Supervisor Aaron stated the laws are not connected.

Sue Moran stated opt out.

**Jack Haggerty, 3 Heatherwoods Court, Skaneateles:** Mr. Haggerty asked would the Village have a separate law. Supervisor Aaron stated yes, the Village would have a separate law. Mr. Haggerty asked if the Town opted out the Village could still opt in and vice versa. Supervisor Aaron answered yes, Village and Town are separate.

**Nick Weslowski, Pork Street, Skaneateles:** Mr. Weslowski stated the onsite consumption would look more like a winery. But most people do not smoke, they use edibles or tinctures. He would be in favor of small facilities for agriculture businesses.

**Josh Allyn, 4272 Jordan Road, Skaneateles:** Mr. Allyn stated the law states anywhere you can smoke cigarettes you can smoke marijuana. As a compromise he suggested to the Board to wait on onsite use facilities. Hold off for a later date.

**Jerry Carrol, 7 East Austin Street, Skaneateles:** Mr. Carroll stated we do not know what control the Town will have for these facilities. He stated once the State regulators take over the Town loses control, opt out now.

**Holly Gregg, Jordan Road, Skaneateles:** Mr. Gregg stated the Town could opt out and the Village could opt in. Has the Board spoke to the Village Board? Attorney Smith state the Village Board is scheduled to have a public hearing on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**John Paddock, 2 Wicklow Drive, Skaneateles:** Mr. Paddock stated the law is quite different in NY. The Cannabis Control Board has just been appointed and the cannabis advisory Board has yet to be appointed. There are many unanswered questions. Mr. Paddock stated in his career in industry and the military he took great pains to understand who was sitting at the other side of the table. These are the nuances that have not come out yet. He is disappointed with the State and the process. Wait.

**Josh Allyn, 4272 Jordan Road, Skaneateles:** Mr. Allyn stated both the Town and Village of Marcellus did not opt out. There is fear of the unknown. There are new jobs that will be created with this industry. Are we against all new businesses in general? We need to move forward.

**Sue Moran, 5 Sachem Drive, Skaneateles:** Ms. Moran stated this is very confusing. How many facilities would there be in the Town and the Village? She asked about the Town of Spafford. Supervisor Aaron stated at this time Spafford has done nothing.

Councilor Alexander stated they are limiting the number of licenses per Assembly District.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board closed the public hearing for Introductory Local Law No. F of the Year 2021 “A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries within the Town of Skaneateles.

Councilor McCormack read the following statement:

*1. The State Legislature did us no favors when they legalized recreational marijuana:*

*a. The law is incredibly convoluted and complex. Nobody understands it.*

*b. On the issue of dispensaries and on-site consumption, they bypassed the counties completely and left the issue up to the towns and villages. Most important, they essentially denied the citizens a direct vote and left it to the town and village boards.*

*c. I would have preferred that this issue had been subject to a vote by the people.*

*d. However, it is now my duty to vote on this issue.*

*2. Before I give my reasons for opting out, I want you to know that I have attended all the hearings and public presentations on this issue including those in the village. I have spoken directly with the opponents and considered their arguments in favor of opting-in. I respect their position although I do not agree with it. I have studied the law and reviewed the literature from other states. I have also read all the letters from the people of the town and village.*

*3. What this is not about. This vote is not about medical marijuana, possession of small quantities of marijuana, growing marijuana, or marijuana micro businesses. Those issues have been decided and are all legal. This vote is solely on the issue of opting out or opting into dispensaries and on-site consumption!*

*4. The State has not yet issued any regulations or rules on this issue. Any good lawyer will tell you that the statute is not the most important factor in interpreting the law. It is the regulations that are most significant. Those regulations are decided by the bureaucrats in Albany not the towns and villages. We have no idea what these rules will be and probably won't know for months if not years and we will have to live with them if we opt-in.*

*a. Because of this, if we opt-in we will be locked-in, meaning, we will tie the hands of all future boards on these issues:*



*b. Such issues as the requirements for licenses (the law requires that prior marijuana convictions, equity, and other factors have to be considered as positive factors before issuing a license), zoning, financial requirements, and other provisions too numerous to mention will be decided.*

*c. Why not wait for the results of this experiment to take shape? We can consider the State's rules and the impact of these rules on other communities before we give final approval to dispensaries. What is the rush?*

*d. One opponent told me that it might be very difficult to opt-in later if we opt-out. (It would take a simple vote of the board). I ask, "what are we afraid of?" If the benefits of opting-in are so great and we see it in other towns, why wouldn't a future board be happy to opt in?*

*5. Revenue:*

*a. The issue I have heard most often raised is the alleged revenue that we will miss.*

*b. There is no guarantee of any specific amount of revenue. The State has not set forth any rules on that issue. There are no market studies that I am aware of which indicate how much we would receive in revenue.*

*c. We would most likely be sharing the revenue with the village under some unknown formula.*

*d. There are no specific rules. Sales tax revenues go directly to the state and are filtered back through the county to the towns and villages with deductions along the way. Remember when the county used to share their sales tax revenue with the town? That was dropped years ago by the county. So can the State change the rules on sharing revenues with the towns and villages*

*e. We are a small town and village with about 9,000 people. Probably 7,000 if you don't count underage kids. How much revenue do you think we will generate with that population? The only way to increase revenue would be to market to people outside the town and village. Is that what we want for our community?*

*f. No consideration of the costs of marijuana dispensaries in our town and village has been considered. Costs such as police, impaired driving, drug treatment and increased crime.*

*g. I can safely predict that we will have a huge source of revenue when the revaluation of real estate takes place in the next few years. We all know how real estate values have grown in the past few years. This town is not and will not be in need of revenue.*

*Finally, I have lived in New York State long enough to hear the State promising that these marginal businesses like gambling and marijuana will save us economically. The lottery would fund the schools, casino gambling will save us! How is that working out? I don't buy anything from the New York State Government until I see it in writing!*

*For all these reasons, I will vote to opt-out! Thank you.*

Attorney Smith stated there are 7 categories of licenses to be issued by the state. The Board had asked for more information regarding micro businesses. This research is difficult. The Board is not voting on microbusiness.

Councilor Alexander stated there are actually 11 license categories that can be issued by the State. The Board only has authority to vote on two. This is going to be in our community in other forms. A micro business can grow, process and sell on site and we have no authority over that.

Attorney Smith stated it is unclear if we would be able to benefit from the tax revenue with a micro business. Micro businesses will pay tax, but it is not clear if that tax would go to the Town.

Councilor Legg stated as Attorney Smith laid out the law the retail dispensary sales would be subject to tax a 4%. Of which 3% would come to the Town and 1% would go to the County. Attorney stated yes, but sales in the Village would be split between the Town and the Village.

Councilor McCormack stated this would be a formula to be decided. Attorney Smith stated no, the State had agreed on these percentages. But, the percentage of tax on sales in the Village would be decided between the Town and Village.

Councilor Alexander stated the Village and Town would split the tax 50/50 unless they decided differently. If the Village opts in and the Town opts out the Village would get the 4% for all sales in the Village none to the town.

Attorney Smith stated currently the Town has no zoning in place. If the Town decided to not opt out the Town Zoning Code could be amended. The Town can not create zoning to not allow businesses, which is not allowed and would fall to legal challenge. If the Board did nothing it would be interpreted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Attorney Smith reviewed the introductory local laws and resolutions. The laws are drafted to opt out, there is no option to opt in.

Attorney Smith stated these local laws should be voted on as separate issues. Both are subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24; and the Town Board classified the Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it involves the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33).

On a motion of Councilor McCormack, the following resolution was put forth for a vote of the Board:

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Councilor McCormack has introduced for consideration Local Law No. F of 2021 entitled "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to Opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Skaneateles" (the “Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Cannabis Law § 131 expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of

cannabis retail dispensary licenses within the jurisdiction of the town (hereafter referred to as “Opting Out”); and

**WHEREAS**, if the Town Board decides to Opt Out, that decision is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board classified the Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it involves the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town held a public hearing on December 6, 2021, 2021 to hear public input on the Local Law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts the Local Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is directed to file the Local Law with the Secretary of State and to arrange for the publication of a notice of permissive referendum pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Supervisor Aaron asked the Board if there a was second to the motion.

No second to the motion.

Supervisor Aaron asked the Board again if there was a second to the motion.

No second to the motion

Supervisor Aarons stated since there was no second to the motion, the motion failed.

Councilor McCormack “so, there is no vote, this is outrageous” and left the meeting.

There was disruption in the audience as people left. The audience shouted at the Board statements such as: “scumbags”, “this is pathetic” “you all should be voted out” ae they left the building. On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Alexander the following resolution was put forth for a vote of the Board:

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Legg has introduced for consideration Local Law No. G of 2021 entitled A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis On-Site Consumption Sites Within the Town of Skaneateles" (the “Local Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Cannabis Law § 131 expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of cannabis on-site consumption licenses within the jurisdiction of the town (hereafter referred to as “Opting Out”); and

**WHEREAS**, if the Town Board decides to opt Out, that decision is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board classified the Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it involves the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town held a public hearing on December 6, 2021, to hear public input on the Local Law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts the Local Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is directed to file the Local Law with the Secretary of State and to arrange for the publication of a notice of permissive referendum pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Legg, seconded by Alexander, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Kevin McCormack	Voting	Absent
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

Attorney Smith reviewed the decision of the Board. The Board had approved to opt out of onsite consumption and took no action on retail dispensaries.

Councilor Tucker asked if the Board could look at Local Law No. F of the Year 2021 “A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries within the Town of Skaneateles at the next Town Board meeting? Attorney Smith stated yes, you can bring a motion back at any time. The Board had satisfied all the requirements and held the public hearing, and it would be at the pleasure of the Board if they choose to bring another motion. Councilor Tucker stated he would like to do more research. Attorney Smith stated it would have to be done before December 31, 2021.

**Authorize Hamlet Planning Proposal:** Supervisor Aaron announced two proposals were received for the Planning Grant for Participating Town in Onondaga County. The Town of Skaneateles had received a grant for Onondaga County for this project for \$50,000 and the Town has budgeted \$35,000.

Councilor Legg reviewed the following proposals:

EDR – “Planning Grant for Participating Town in Onondaga County #21-3510-001”  
\$82,427



Bergman Architects – “Planning Grant for Participating Town in Onondaga County #21-3510-001”

\$84,960

Councilor Legg stated the Hamlet Committee also reviewed each proposal and they favored the EDR proposal. The Hamlet Committee would work with the County to implement this proposal. He recommended to the Board they approve the proposal from EDR at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the proposal from EDR, Environmental Design and Research for a cost not to exceed \$85,000.

**Talcott Water District:** Supervisor Aaron stated Town Engineer Robinson had received all the necessary IRS forms for the Talcott water District customers and Budget Officer Winkelman had also received the necessary paperwork to start billing the customers for water usage.

Supervisor Aaron said a date would need to be decided on to meet with the Village to do the final meter reading in order to begin billing the Talcott water District customers.

Supervisor Aaron stated the original Talcott Water district was approved in March of 2020. This is an amendment to the original district. All the requirements had been met for this amendment and the Village had approved the extension.

Supervisor Aaron reviewed the following resolution:

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**RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF  
THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE  
CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT  
IN THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES,  
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA AND STATE OF NEW YORK**

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**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles (the “Town Board” and the “Town”, respectively), in the County of Onondaga, State of New York, has received a petition, dated May 17, 2021, pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law, for the extension of the consolidated water district in an area generally known as the west side of Route 41 (Tax Map Parcel Nos. set forth in Map, Plan and Report dated May 12, 2021), which petition is signed by the owners of taxable real property situate in the proposed District extension (the “District”), owning in the aggregate at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed District extension, as shown upon the latest completed assessment roll of said Town, and including the signatures of resident owners of taxable real property owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed District extension, owned by resident owners according to the latest completed assessment roll; and

**WHEREAS**, said petition purported to describe the boundaries of the district in a manner sufficient to identify the lands included therein as in a deed of conveyance and was signed by the petitioners and acknowledged or proved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is bounded and described in the attached Map, Plan and Report; and

**WHEREAS**, following the preparation of a map, plan and report by competent engineers duly licensed by the State of New York, for the proposed District, and the construction of water facilities therein, consisting generally of the installation of a main water pipe, meters, pits and other appurtenances (the "Improvements") in the Town of Skaneateles, said Map, Plan and Report are now on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has given due consideration to the impact that such construction in said District may have on the environment and on the basis of such consideration, the Town Board has determined the environmental impact, if any, to be caused by such construction under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

**WHEREAS**, at a regular meeting of the Town Board on June 21, 2021, the Town Board determined the formation of this special district is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board determined that the formation of the district and construction of the improvements therein would have no significant adverse effects on the environment, and therefore adopted a negative declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, the entirety of the costs to be expended for the construction of the Improvements shall entirely be borne by the applicants/petitioners and at no expense to the district, all as shown in the submitted plans; and

**WHEREAS**, all future costs and expenses of operation, maintenance and improvements, in said District, including all expenses related to all extensions of said District which may thereafter be established, shall be a charge against the entire area of said District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board held a public hearing on June 21, 2021 for all persons interested in this matter at a meeting of the Town Board of said Town of Skaneateles at the Town Hall located at 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, New York to consider the extension of the District herein referred to and the construction of such improvements herein, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the extension to the Talcott Water District Resolution as presented.

**Public Works Maintenance Worker Position Appointment:** Councilor Tucker stated he, Councilor Legg, Highway Superintendent Wellington and Town Engineer Robinson had conducted interviews for the Public Works Maintenance Worker Position.

Councilor Legg stated after the interview process they would like to recommend Shane Christman to the position. Shane's interview and resume clearly indicate he was the best candidate for the job.

Supervisor Aaron introduced Shane Christman and stated the Board is looking forward to him starting with the Town of Skaneateles. Mr. Christman would be starting on December 23, 2021.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved Shane Christman to the position of Public Works Maintenance Worker subject to a clear background check at \$ 24.07 per hour with a start date of December 23, 2021.

**Parks Laborer Position Appointment:** Parks Director Sue Murphy stated after the interview process she is recommending to the Board the hire of Joshua Chiarilli at \$19.00 per hour with a start date of December 22, 2021. Shane's interview and resume clearly indicate he was the best candidate for the job, he will be a great addition to the Parks Department.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved Joshua Chiarilli to the position of Parks Laborer, subject to a clear background check, at \$19.00 per hour to start on December 22, 2021.

**Conservation Area Trail Markers:** Councilor Alexander stated with the new trail markers project we would like to order new trail markers. The Conservation Committee was able to make repairs with some recycled material from the Transfer Station and had saved quite a bit of money.

Councilor Alexander is recommending new trail markers be fabricated and installed at the Conservation area. The estimate received for the trail markers would be \$2,282.

Councilor Alexander stated this was the best price she received additional quotes for similar products as The Town's Procurement Policy states, and these were the best material for the cost.

Councilor Alexander discussed the type of metal used for the trail markers that this quote from Outdoor Signs & Markers uses the correct aluminum nails to be used on the signage.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved an amount not to exceed \$2400 for the new trail markers at the Conservation area as quoted by Outdoor Signs and Markers.

**Assign Delegate for the NYS Association of Towns 2022 Conference:** Supervisor Aaron stated both her and Councilor Alexander would be attending the NYS Association of Towns 2022 Conference in New York City.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Janet Aaron, Town Supervisor was designated as the delegate to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns in New York City to cast the vote of the Town of Skaneateles and Councilor Alexander was designated as an alternate.

## Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- *2022 Transfer Station Permits on Sale Now:* 2022 Transfer Station Permits are on sale at the Town Hall.
- *Letter from Mike Byrne re: Talcott Water District:* Letter from Mike Byrne was received thanking the Board for the completion of the Talcott Water District.
- *Letter from June Lemon re: Franklin Street intersection:* A letter regarding the intersection of Franklin Street and County Line Road had been received from June Lamon and had been referred to the NYS DOT.
- *2022 Transfer Station Permits available at the Transfer Station: January 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. - Noon*

**Public Comment:** Mr. and Mrs. Morgan of Cemetery Road in the Town of Skaneateles discussed with the Board their situation on Cemetery Road in regard to flooding.

Mr. Morgan stated his house is the last house in the Town and Onondaga County. He stated they have been working with Onondaga County Soil and Water for a repair for this flooding and they had suggested they come to the Town.

Supervisor Aaron stated she had spoken to Highway Superintendent Wellington about this problem. The Highway Department is working with Onondaga County Soil and Water on a solution to this problem. The wet weather this year does not help the situation.

Mr. Morgan does not think the project is going fast enough and he is worried about additional damage to his home and property.

Supervisor Aaron stated she would talk to Highway Superintendent Wellington and the Board stated they would look at the property.

Dessa Bergan asked the Board if the Board would vote on Local Law F of 2021 or is it a dead issue? Councilor Tucker stated he would like to bring it back on December 21<sup>st</sup> if Councilor McCormack wants to bring it back.

Dessa Bergan stated if someone on the Board wanted to bring it back for a vote, they can on the 21<sup>st</sup> and if the Board does not vote it is an automatic opting in? Councilor Tucker stated, yes. So, without making a decision the Board would be opting in? Councilor Tucker stated that's correct.

Councilor Alexander stated the Board did vote to opt out of onsite consumption by approving Local Law G of 2021 this evening.

**Budget Amendments:** No Budget Amendments

**Abstract #21-23:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #21-1487 - #21-1537 were authorized from the following funds:



General Fund:	\$ 53,951.38	Highway:	\$ 799.94
Water:	\$ 8,297.52	Part Town:	\$18,516.33
T&A:	\$ 2,302.07	Light Dist:	\$ 535.64

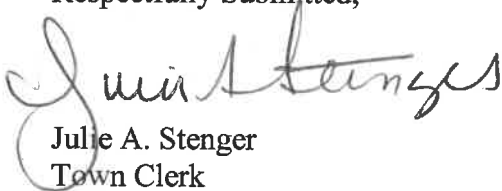
**TOTAL: \$53,951.38**

**Executive Session:** On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. for attorney advice.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Alexander the meeting was returned to open session at 11:00 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk