

Town of New Scotland
Regular Town Board Meeting
05/13/2020

The following Town Officials were in attendance:

Supervisor:	Douglas LaGrange
Councilperson:	Adam Greenberg
	Bridgit Burke
	William Hennessy
	Daniel Leinung
Highway Superintendent:	Kenneth Guyer
Engineer:	Garrett Frueh
Town Clerk:	Diane Deschenes
Town Attorney:	

1. Call to Order

Supervisor LaGrange called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. We are meeting pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.1 which includes not having any in-person public meetings. We just finished a public hearing from which we had no comments from the public. We will be addressing Proposed Local Law A of 2020 in a little while.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invitation to the General Public to Comment on Agenda Items: Please use the microphone available and state your name for the record

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Following:

- April 3, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting
- April 10, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting
- April 14, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting
- April 17, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting
- April 24, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting
- May 1, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting

Resolution 2020-133

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby approve the minutes for April 3, 2020, April 14, 2020, and the May 1, 2020, meeting.

Councilperson Burke seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
Councilperson Greenberg Aye
Councilperson Hennessy Aye
Councilperson Burke Aye
Councilperson Leinung Aye

Town Clerk Deschenes noted that Councilperson Leinung was absent from the April 10th meeting.

Resolution 2020-134

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby approve the minutes for April 10, 2020, meeting.

Councilperson Burke seconded the motion.

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A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
Councilperson Greenberg Aye
Councilperson Hennessy Aye
Councilperson Burke Aye
Councilperson Leinung Abstained

Town Clerk Deschenes advised that Councilperson Burke was absent from the April 17th and April 24th meetings.

Resolution 2020-135

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby approve the minutes for the April 17, 2020, meeting.

Councilperson Leinung seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
Councilperson Greenberg Aye
Councilperson Hennessy Aye
Councilperson Burke Abstained
Councilperson Leinung Aye

Announcements:

- **Reminder: Have you completed your 2020 US Census questionnaire? Be sure and be counted! You may complete your form**
 - Online at: my2020census.gov
 - Phone 1-844-330-2020 (English), 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish), 1-844-467-2020 (TDD)

Via mail

Councilperson Leinung said that we are slowly creeping up with the amount of people responding to the census. Last I checked we were at about 67% for New Scotland. Just as a reference, in 2010 New Scotland had a 74% response rate so we still have a little way to go. I don't believe there will be any more reminders going out. The next phase is for the census takers coming door to door. To avoid that from happening, you need to fill this out either online, by phone, or by mail. Everything got pushed back a little bit by COVID. I think in everyone's interest it would be good to fill this out before having to be physically contacted by the Census Bureau. We've talked a couple of times about the importance of filling out the census form for getting state and county funding to federal funding to our representation in Congress and even in the County Legislature. It's very important for us to fill this out. It looks like we're doing an okay job but we can always do much more. I want to thank Diane for posting stuff on the website. If anyone else can please share via social media or whatever the importance of everyone filling out the census.

Supervisor LaGrange added that our sales tax is computed according to the population too and that's a large component of our town budget. He then added that Diane also mentioned early on that she tried to do hers online and has heard from other people that there were complications. Town Clerk Deschenes said it was a browser issue. If you try changing your browser, which is what she did, it finally went through. I read online that other people have had that same problem.

5. Discussion/Action re: Zoning Codification Proposed Local Law A of 2020

See website for this proposed Local Law document

Councilperson Greenberg said that we've talked about this for the past few months.

Resolution 2020-136

Councilperson Greenberg offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby pass Local Law A of 2020.

Councilperson Greenberg added that we completed the SEQRA in April with a negative declaration.

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Keep in mind that this is just a codification. There are no changes to the zoning law. I think we're all set to go unless anyone has any questions or issues they'd like to bring up. We closed the public hearing about 10 minutes ago.

Councilperson Hennessy seconded the motion.

Supervisor LaGrange asked for comments or questions from the Board. Councilperson Leinung thanked everyone who worked on this. He thought it was great. He deals with this a lot on the state level with unconsolidated laws. Even the state does it and it's very hard to find and sift through everything so codifying this makes a lot of sense. He thinks it will help us and anyone looking through trying to work on a project in the town. Thank you to Adam, Bill, Nan, and everyone's hard work. There were a lot of volunteers involved in this too that helped look at it. Councilperson Greenberg said that he would just include Michael and Chris Galvin who put a lot of time in it, as well.

Supervisor LaGrange asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. We do have a few people attending the meeting. Again, this is just a codification of all the laws and we will proceed with some of the fine tuning and changes in the future.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
 Councilperson Greenberg Aye
 Councilperson Hennessy Aye
 Councilperson Burke Aye
 Councilperson Leinung Aye

6. NYS OPRHP Environmental Protection Fund Hilton Park Grant:

• **Discussion/Action re: results of Request for Proposals for site design**

Councilperson Hennessy said as part of the Hilton Park renovation project and Hilton Park development project we have to engage architectural services for the roof design which we've already done, and we have to engage engineering to design services for the park site design. We've requested proposals from several consultants and we ended up choosing Creighton Manning. Amongst those consultants they actually have some specialized knowledge on some of the Rail Trail design. They actually designed at least one of the existing entries to the Rail Trail in Delmar. They have the knowledge to put this together. They had a good proposed scope of work and a project approach. I offer a resolution to retain Creighton Manning for the site design.

Resolution 2020-137

Councilperson Hennessy offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby retaining Creighton Manning for the site design for \$14,500 and authorizes the Supervisor to sign it.

Councilperson Greenberg seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
 Councilperson Greenberg Aye
 Councilperson Hennessy Aye
 Councilperson Burke Aye
 Councilperson Leinung Aye

• **Discussion/Action re: roof bids**

Councilperson Hennessy said the design has been submitted by Mr. Reilly, our architect, so we can go to bid on this but we first need to submit it to OPRHP. As part of the project they have to review and approve proposed designs. We do want to get that in and we all need to make sure the contract is signed. It's not imperative that one come before the other; it's just good form that we probably have the contract in place. He and Mrs. Kavanaugh are working together on some final touches on those submittals. They are pretty laborious to get those submittals into the grants gateway but we've been in connection with the local regional contracts administrator on this so that's moving forward. At that point I suspect we will be able to go out to public bid, but as of right now we can't, but we at least have the plans in place.

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• **Discussion/Action re: retaining Nan Stolzenburg for grant administration services**

Councilperson Greenberg said that, as Bill was just saying, this is a laborious task to deal with some of this grants stuff. Nan has done it before. She gave us, which everyone has had, her proposal for the work. It's an up-to amount of \$10,000 as outlined in attachment 2b.

Resolution 2020-138

Councilperson Greenberg offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby accept the proposal from Nan Stolzenburg's proposal for \$10,000 which will cover at least the year and authorizes the Supervisor to sign it.

Councilperson Greenberg advised this is an up-to amount. If we don't move forward for some reason or if grants get suspended by the state, then none of this money will be spent.

Supervisor LaGrange said that you mentioned a year. Is this for just a year? I know we are up to 2024 with the completion. Councilperson Greenberg said that she originally gave us, if you remember, a proposal that included all the work that the grant was for. This proposal only includes work regarding the barn roof renovation and the site plan renovation that Bill was just talking about. They may happen or they may not. Again, I'm saying it's for the year, because I assume the roof will go forward, but if it doesn't this is still good for next year. Supervisor LaGrange said that that's good.

Councilperson Hennessy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
 Councilperson Greenberg Aye
 Councilperson Hennessy Aye
 Councilperson Burke Aye
 Councilperson Leinung Aye

7. Discussion/Action re: Municipal Consent Resolution regarding the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project

Supervisor LaGrange said that this is a discussion/action regarding a municipal consent resolution in regard to the Champlain Hudson Power Express project. This is the DC line coming from Canada down through the Town to NYC. Supervisor LaGrange asked Attorney Naughton to give us an overview. Attorney Naughton said that this project is still in the PSC review process and so as part of that process they were looking for a resolution from the Town. The Town is in favor of the project and we will grant a road crossing and use agreement when the time comes. They prepared a proposed resolution for us which Attorney Naughton made revision to. They presented a proposed contract for a road use and crossing agreement. As we know, per the project layout right now we are being told that there is only one real road crossing that's going to be underneath the roadbed near the railroad crossing for Game Farm Road off New Scotland South Road. They will need to have some equipment on our road as they do the project but they don't have the final plans on that. The form of the agreement right now provides that the developer of the project will, when it's ready, provide a \$20,000 deposit to the Town in escrow for us to bill against with respect to engineering and other costs associated with this. At the end of the project, \$10,000 of that escrow will be non-refundable so the Town will get to keep that. They will also provide a bond for any road damage that occurs that they may have when they are using our roads. The exact amount of the bond will be determined when we know exactly what roads they are using but it will be a minimum amount of \$20,000. The \$20,000 escrow fund also will also give us the ability, if we need to, to do some emergency repairs or take measures to close off the road. We can dip into that fund. That fund will need to be replenished if it gets to a certain level below \$20,000. So, we recently went through this kind of road use agreement with the 325KV transmission line a couple of months ago. This agreement has many of the same terms, although it's a little more simplified, but the Town has protections in that there will be preconstruction and a pre-road use survey done of our road and then at the end of the project another video survey will be done. If there is damage to the road, then we will have evidence of that. The basic resolution you have before you is expressing the Town's support for this DC power line project that comes down from Canada and goes all the way to NYC. We are approving the form of the agreement and authorizing the supervisor to sign it. The exhibits that show the exact routes are attached to the agreement. I understand there has

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been an information meeting with the Supervisor and the Superintendent of Highways, Ken Guyer, and they are familiar with the overall layout of the plan so the impact in New Scotland is very minimal. Mostly it's being laid in the road bed of the railroad tracks and everything is under ground. So, I would recommend that we approve the resolution and move forward.

Supervisor LaGrange asked if the changes suggested were okay with them and their attorney. Attorney Naughton replied yes, adding that they approved them.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 OF 2020
Town of New Scotland, New York

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CHAMPLAIN
HUDSON POWER EXPRESS PROJECT

WHEREAS, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (including its successors and/or assigns, "CHPEI" or the "Developer"), is developing the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (the "Project"), an approximately 1,000 megawatt underground and underwater high voltage, direct current electric transmission facility extending from the United States' border with Canada to Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, the developer has represented that the New York State Public Service Commission (the "PSC") has issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need authorizing the construction and operation of the Project (including any amendments thereto, the "Certificate"); and

WHEREAS, CHPEI has discussed the Project with representatives of the Town of New Scotland (the "Municipality"), as a portion of the Project will be located within the Municipality and will occupy certain privately and/or publicly owned land; and

WHEREAS, prior to construction within the Municipality, CHPEI will require a Road Crossing Agreement with the Municipality with respect to underground improvements in the Town road at the location indicated (Game Farm Road); and

WHEREAS, once the Project commences operation, it is not expected to require any services from the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of New Scotland (the "Board") hereby grants its consent to CHPEI, in accordance with section 11(3) of the New York State Transportation Corporations Law, to lay down, construct and maintain its wires, conductors, conduits and other fixtures in and under the street identified in the Road Crossing Agreement annexed to this Resolution in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate.
2. The Board hereby approves the form of the Road Crossing Agreement (the "Agreement") attached to this Resolution, and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Agreement when the exhibits to it are finalized.
3. The Supervisor is directed to take all appropriate measures to implement the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall signify that the Town supports the Project as presented, and represented, by the Developer at the time this Resolution is approved, and the Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion by Member LaGrange, seconded by Member Greenberg, to adopt Resolution No. **139 of 2020**.

Supervisor Douglas LaGrange: Aye
William Hennessy, Jr.: Aye
Daniel Leinung: Aye

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Adam Greenberg: Aye
Bridgit Burke: Aye

8. Highway/Parks:

• **Recommendation re: bids for Heldervale subdivision paving project**

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we put the original section of the Heldervale subdivision out to bid. We had a bid opening Monday morning at 10AM. We had two proposals that came in. I believe they are attachment #4. We reviewed the bid proposals and he did speak with the contractor who was the low bid, Callanan Industries, just to double check. They had everything accounted for. I am recommending that we move forward with accepting the bid from Callanan Industries for \$69,137 which will include Parkway Drive, a portion of Westover, and Helderview Drive in the Heldervale subdivision.

Resolution 2020-140

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby accept the bid for the Heldervale subdivision paving project by Callanan Industries, Inc., for \$69,137 as recommended by the Highway Superintendent.

Councilperson Greenberg seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
Councilperson Greenberg Aye
Councilperson Hennessy Aye
Councilperson Burke Aye
Councilperson Leinung Aye

• **Stantec Engineering Task Order – Highway Garage Floor Drains**

Engineer Frueh said that he's sure everyone has been following this project. It's been going on for quite a while. Unfortunately the permitting process with DEC has taken a little bit more than initially anticipated. Part of the current request to DEC is to be able to use the municipal water supply for which the current zinc effluent limits are currently lower. They had that stream labeled less intermittent so we are trying to prove to them that it is a continuous flowing stream, and also in accordance with the SPEEDIES permit the Town is required to produce a BMP plan for the garage meeting DEC requirements outlining the 13 best management practices up there as spelled out in the SPEEDIES permit. At Bill's request, we have broken this down a little bit further to have sub tasks. The first and initial tasks that would need to be completed would be developing the flow monitoring plan. That would have Town highway staff out there recording measurement of depths in the culvert. That would show flows for that stream for a one-year duration. At the conclusion of that, DEC has requested a final report certified by an engineer. The second sub task would be to develop that report at the 12 to 18-month mark. The third sub task is the BMP plan which is to be completed and submitted within six months of this modified permit coming out. DEC is currently working on that modified permit request and should be submitting the modified permit at any time now; the exact date is unknown but probably within the next couple of weeks.

Supervisor LaGrange asked if we are doing the sub task 3.11 only today or what's the thought process here? Councilperson Hennessy replied that that was what was determined to be appropriate. We need to get going on that and we wanted to make sure we were clear on that before we approved the whole thing. We just need to approve that segment of it so far. Stantec has proposed to do that for \$2,200. That is the flow-monitoring plan sub task 3.11.

Resolution 2020-141

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby authorize Stantec to go forward with the sub task 3.11 flow-monitoring plan and coordination for a fee of \$2,200 in accordance with their proposed agreement dated May 13, 2020, and authorizes the supervisor to sign it.

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Supervisor LaGrange said that that's outlined in attachment 4a. Councilperson Hennessy said that it is not. Attachment 4a was the original proposal on May 11th and the correct one is dated May 13th. Councilperson Greenberg said that Mrs. Kavanaugh had sent an email earlier saying that she had sent it to the Clerk and that it was up on the website. Town Clerk Deschenes said that she wasn't sure about that. Councilperson Greenberg said that it was sent to Diane because she didn't have time to get it into the agenda. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that she had it but it was too late to change. Town Clerk Deschenes said that it may have been part of the last update she did.

Councilperson Greenberg seconded the motion.

Supervisor LaGrange asked if anyone had any questions. Councilperson Greenberg asked Mr. Frueh to go over it a bit. In the flow-monitoring plan you develop a plan and you give it to Ken. Ken's guys do the monitoring and they get information back to you. Engineer Frueh agreed. Councilperson Greenberg asked if you upload that information to the State? Engineer Frueh said that we are going to put together a final report; that's the second sub task. We will compile all of those measurements calculated out up to flows and will submit that to the State to hopefully at that point prove continuous flow and allowing for dilution of the municipal water supply. Councilperson Greenberg said that for the first part, the flow-monitoring plan, basically is just for you to develop a plan and give to Ken and then his guys will collect the information. Engineer Frueh said that they will develop the plan. They will go out and meet with Ken and kind of have a template report for them to fill out and maybe take a couple of photos of the flows that day. Then on a weekly basis they will be sending those back to us so we can monitor what it equates to in flows. We will just keep an eye on it as it's progressing so we don't get all those reports at the end. We just want to track that a little bit.

Supervisor LaGrange asked for other comments. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
 Councilperson Greenberg Aye
 Councilperson Hennessy Aye
 Councilperson Burke Aye
 Councilperson Leinung Aye

10. Discussion/Action re: Town of New Scotland Operations during the COVID-19 Outbreak

Supervisor LaGrange said Councilperson Leinung and Councilperson Burke have been doing a lot of work on this. Councilperson Burke said that, in light of the COVID outbreak, we felt that it was necessary to put together a plan of action for all the ways the regular business of New Scotland is changing in an effort to both make sure that the public and the staff are safe but also to make sure that we're continuing to efficiently run the Town. This plan is our approach for identifying what are the essential operations of the town of New Scotland and how we will carry those through even at the time of the highest level of risk, and then what type of sanitation steps will we take to make sure everyone is safe, and finally what efforts will be made to identify when things are changing so that we can modify our work flow to get slowly back to normal as the outbreak subsides.

Supervisor LaGrange said that we've take much of these measures. These are considerations that we undertook in various areas of the Town. This will also be a convenient thing to have in the future for any other similar type of outbreak. We didn't have anything that we could draw from. This is great work to get it together. I appreciate both of your efforts on this.

I will note that I skipped #9 on the agenda so we will go back to that in a moment.

Resolution 2020-142

Councilperson Burke offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby accept this as the plan.

Councilperson Leinung seconded the motion.

Supervisor LaGrange asked if there are any other questions. Councilperson Leinung said he just wanted

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to piggyback onto what Bridgit just said. This is kind of an evolving document. We have this now but obviously things are just going to be changing over the next few weeks. This is more of a document to get the ideas out there now as Bridgit mentioned but also there may be updates needed as we go forward. Supervisor LaGrange said it's easier to make updates then to draw up a whole new plan. Supervisor LaGrange asked for comments or questions from the public. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
Councilperson Greenberg Aye
Councilperson Hennessy Aye
Councilperson Burke Aye
Councilperson Leinung Aye

9. Discussion/Action re: approval of the 2020 ALS Contract with Albany County

Supervisor LaGrange said that this is for the advanced life support service which is separate from the emergency medical technician. That's a separate contract. This was sent to us a couple of weeks ago and I've confirmed that the amount of \$310,383.12 was what we were told and what we budgeted.

Resolution 2020-143

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby accept the agreement for Advanced Life Support Services between the County of Albany and the Town of New Scotland for the amount of \$310,383.12 and authorizes the supervisor to sign that.

Councilperson Burke seconded the motion.

Councilperson Hennessy asked if they break up the ALS and the EMS? It just comes across as one price. Supervisor LaGrange said that this is solely the ALS as it is every year. We did get the new contract a week or so ago. They came separate from each other. The ALS came first and he checked that. He saw that it was the proper amount. The EMS contract came. If you'll recall, the EMS has kind of two components and one of those components is broken between us and the Village. There is a whole-town EMS program which in the past has run in the mid \$70,000 range and then there was the separate New Salem/Village of Voorheesville District Ambulance that took its place when Voorheesville Ambulance discontinued its service. I can't remember the numbers off hand that we split with the Village. It's 61% for us and 39% for the village. Those numbers came in quite a bit higher than what we were told and budgeted. I had one call in to Mr. Kotrafeld in the Sherriff's office in the County. Once we pass this I was going to send him an email to say that we passed this contract because it was as they stated before the budget at the time and we need these revisions made in the contract to allow for the EMS to reflect those same numbers from the budget time last year. So, that's the long answer. Councilperson Hennessy said that that's fine, thank you. He thought it said both here so he wanted to be clear. Supervisor LaGrange replied that this is just the ALS. Councilperson Greenberg said that, to be clear, Supervisor LaGrange checked the budget and is \$301,383.12 exactly what we had in our budget? Supervisor LaGrange said that that's correct but unfortunately the EMT was not so that's why we have to get that clarified and changed.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
Councilperson Greenberg Aye
Councilperson Hennessy Aye
Councilperson Burke Aye
Councilperson Leinung Aye

11. Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution For Elected and Appointed Officials

Supervisor LaGrange said that as you all know the folks keep track of their time for performing whatever service. This happens to be the case for Erin Casey a new Zoning Board member.

Resolution 2020-144

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

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Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby accept the standard workday and reporting resolution for elected and appointed officials for Zoning Board Member Erin Casey.

Councilperson Greenberg seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
Councilperson Greenberg Aye
Councilperson Hennessy Aye
Councilperson Burke Aye
Councilperson Leinung Aye

12. Discussion/Action re: Facility Use Agreement with Board of Elections

Supervisor LaGrange said that we're not ready with this item yet. We have some clarification of that which Diane, Michael, and I are looking into. We can postpone this until our June meeting.

13. Liaison Reports:

Historical Commission

Councilperson Leinung advised that the Historical Commission met recently again and had a productive meeting. They're still trying to work out the procedures of the committee and what their scope is going to be. They are starting to reach out to the different Boards, Planning Board, and Zoning Board, etc. I believe they are going to be talking with Jeremy soon just to set up a procedure for how the commission is going to work. The Zoom meeting (I think they actually used Webex) went okay. People have different levels of internet connection. So, that was a little iffy but it went generally okay. Their next meeting is in June.

Planning and Zoning Board meeting

Bridgit and I attended the recent Zoning and Planning Board meeting through Zoom. One of the larger things was this proposal in Feura Bush for a new apartment building behind the old school. They're seeking to add 12 units in a new building behind there. There were some comments last night at the Planning Board meeting and I think there was a handful at the Zoning Board meeting, as well. The main concern was traffic and how much more traffic this 12-unit, which would be 18-20 new cars daily on that road which as we know is a pretty narrow road that already has the Feura Bush Senior Housing next to it. There was some concern about that by the neighborhood. There still needs to be a lot of work done. It's unclear. They want to use the current septic system that's on site that was built for the school way back. There is still a lot to go through there but we're keeping an eye on this. It's a fairly large project for the Town.

The other update is for the conversion to apartments on New Scotland Road. That's moving forward. There was a public hearing on that. For that one, there was an updated landscape plan that needs to be submitted. That should be coming fairly soon, as well. Supervisor LaGrange added that that was the old restaurant across from Robinson's. Councilperson Leinung said that that's moving along. They had the public hearing on that and they closed the public hearing, but there still need to be some updates to the landscape plan before it can move forward.

Supervisor LaGrange said that he believes the Feura Bush building that's proposed they need two variances for that. So, that's what they are going to the ZBA with now. Eventually they will have to go to site plan or if they don't get the variances they will still have to go with the site plan to the Planning Board. Councilperson Leinung agreed adding it's going to go back and forth.

Councilperson Burke said that the only thing she would note beyond that is that the public hearings that were conducted by the Planning Board last night all went very smoothly on Zoom. Several members of the public participated and commented. It was a little quirky because it's on Zoom but it went smoothly. Councilperson Leinung agreed.

Hudson Valley Wireless

Councilperson Greenberg gave a quick update stating that he and Doug have been working with Hudson Valley Wireless which is a new wireless internet company. They mostly serve the hilltowns. They serve a little bit of Bethlehem and a tower in Albany, as well. We are trying to work with them to get more coverage in New Scotland so that may help in the future with people's internet access. They do

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already cover some of New Scotland. I would recommend people give them a call if they are in need of a better or any high-speed internet access and see if they fall within the coverage area. It's Hudson Valley Wireless. I've also been working a bit with Michael Naughton and Keith Rowland, who we worked with the past, who's an attorney in town to try and put some pressure shall we say on Spectrum to give us some more internet access by wire and cable within the town.

Supervisor LaGrange said that there was quite a bit of rural area serviced later last year but it seems like there are more dense areas that haven't been addressed and they are kind of in the middle of what was addressed last year and a lot of these areas are left behind. I think we had good conversations with Hudson Valley. There is good potential there. Councilperson Greenberg agreed adding that they've been great to work with so far and they seem to be trying. He wouldn't say that we've gotten the same access from Verizon and Spectrum to put it mildly. Supervisor LaGrange said that he'd probably agree with that.

Supervisor LaGrange added that we did post on Facebook a request for people to contact me directly via email with their interest, their name, and address. We did have a flurry of them early on. He probably had a dozen or so folks, but we only reach a limited amount of people. I think we had it on the website too. If anybody that's listening on this call could get their information to me we are trying to compile that to show them that there is a desire out here. I'd like to have a lot more numbers than I do. I know there are a lot more people out there that are in need especially as we found during this time when we have had to work from home and school from home. If everybody can spread the word and have people contact me with those information items I would appreciate it.

14. Departmental Monthly Reports:

- **Town Clerk, April 2020**
- **Registrar, April 2020**
- **Building Dept.**
- **Code Enforcement**

**15. Pay the Bills
 Resolution 2020-145**

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby approve paying the following:

Pay the Bills May 13, 2020		
Abstract #	Vouchers	Amount
	20200390-20200433	\$111,521.71
Abstract#	Prepays	
04/20/2020	20200362-20200382	\$3,984.93
04/17/2020	20200383	\$127.49
04/24/2020	20200384-20200389	\$42,184.49
05/04/2020	20200434-20200436	\$5,651.60

Councilperson Greenberg seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
 Councilperson Greenberg Aye
 Councilperson Hennessy Aye
 Councilperson Burke Aye
 Councilperson Leinung Aye

**16. Approve any Budget Modifications
 Resolution 2020-146**

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Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Whereas, there is a need to provide additional funding for amounts made or to be made in excess of the appropriation provided in the adopted budget, the Town Board resolves to provide funding as follows:				
FROM	CODE	TO	CODE	AMOUNT
Fund Balance	A0909	Highway Garage/Equip.	A5132.2	\$23,200.00
To appropriate money from Fund Balance to Highway Garage for purchase of furnace. (Discussed at 10/7/19 Budget Workshop)				
Fund Balance	DB0909	Attorney Fees	DB1420.4	\$1,081.04
To appropriate money from Fund Balance to Attorney Fees for amount over budget.				
Fund Balance	WF0909	Attorney Fees	WF1420.4	\$164.08
To appropriate money from Fund Balance to Attorney Fees for amount over budget.				
Fund Balance	WN0909	Attorney Fees	WN1420.4	\$236.58
To appropriate money from Fund Balance to Attorney Fees for amount over budget.				
The Town Board hereby resolves, pursuant to authority in Town Law, section 112, to amend the Town's 2020 budget as stated above.				

Councilperson Greenberg seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
 Councilperson Greenberg Aye
 Councilperson Hennessy Aye
 Councilperson Burke Aye
 Councilperson Leinung Aye

Executive Session

Supervisor LaGrange advised that we do have a contractual situation that we'd like to discuss in executive session.

Resolution 2020-147

Supervisor LaGrange offered the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby suspend the regular meeting and enter into executive session.

Councilperson Greenberg seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor LaGrange Aye
 Councilperson Greenberg Aye
 Councilperson Hennessy Aye
 Councilperson Burke Aye
 Councilperson Leinung Aye

Executive session began at 1:55 PM.

Councilperson Greenberg made a motion to adjourn executive session and seconded by Councilperson Leinung.

Executive session ended at 2:24 PM.

No action was taken during executive session.

17. Adjourn

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Supervisor LaGrange made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Greenberg. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Diane R. Deschenes, Town Clerk