

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland and the special joint meeting with the Village of Clinton held at the Town of Kirkland Municipal Building, 3699 State Route 12-B, Clinton, Oneida County, New York on August 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

- Supervisor Robert J. Meelan
- Councilman Garry F. Colarusso
- Councilwoman Donna E. Yando
- Councilman Richard J. Maxam
- Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil

Supervisor Meelan called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION #72

Upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neil, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board approve the minutes of August 9, 2021 as printed.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Abstain
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #73

Upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board reappoint Barbara Owens to the Board of Assessment Review, with term to expire September 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O'Neil	Aye

RESOLUTION #74

Upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilwoman Yando, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Councilman Colarusso presented the following “Resolution” which was seconded by Councilwoman Yando:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF KIRKLAND TOWN BOARD ISSUING A “NEGATIVE DECLARATION” PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE NORTON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER ORISKANY CREEK

WHEREAS, the Town of Kirkland Town Board, (hereafter the “Board”) has resolved to replace the existing bridge on Norton Avenue near Laurel Place as well as undertake bank improvements to the Oriskany Creek; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (hereinafter “SEQRA”), the Applicant caused to be prepared Part 1 of a full Environmental Assessment Form for the Project (hereinafter the “EAF”); and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of the EAF was reviewed by the Board and deemed adequate and accurate relative to the Project and the Board subsequently prepared Part 2 and 3 of the EAF and the Board approved and accepted the EAF on December 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board resolved to notify all interested agencies for the Project and assumed the status of lead agency for the Project and the Board duly notified such involved agency of said intent and requested comments regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting held on the 25th day of August, 2021, not having received any objection from any involved agency, the Board designated itself lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make its determination “of significance” with respect to the Project and in accordance with SEQRA regulations at 6 NYCRR 617.7 and to give notice of said determination; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED by members of the Town of Kirkland Town Board as follows:

1. That based upon a thorough examination and analysis of the EAF and review of the SEQR regulations at 6 NYCRR 617.7 and based further on the Board's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental affects as the Board has deemed appropriate, the Board has identified the following relevant areas of environmental interest and makes the following findings with respect to the Project:

a) The relevant areas of environmental concern identified include protected streams, bodies of water and flood plain.

b) The potential impacts on community character are that the proposed action will not result in land disturbance activity in community flood plains.

c) The proposed action will enhance community safety and welfare; and

d) The potential impact of public health and safety will not be significant.

2. Based upon the foregoing investigation of the potential environmental impacts of the Project and considering both the magnitude and importance of the impacts therein indicated, the Board makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

a) The Project constitutes a "Type I Action" as said quoted term is defined in the SEQR regulations at 6 NYCRR 617.2;

b) The Project will result in no significant adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, the Board hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and that the Board will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Project; and

c) As a consequence to the foregoing, the Board has decided to prepare a Negative Declaration with respect to the Project.

3. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to file and circulate a "Negative Declaration" with respect to the Project.

a) Copies of said Negative Declaration shall be mailed to NYSDEC, the Environmental Notice Bulletin, the Oneida County Department of Planning and Town of Kirkland Town Clerk's Office ATTN: Robert J. Meelan; and

b) Copies of said Negative Declaration shall also be filed in the main office of the Board; and

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately; the Board adopts this resolution 5-0.

Dated: August 25, 2021

TOWN OF KIRKLAND TOWN BOARD

By: Robert J. Meelan, Supervisor

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Meelan said a letter was received from David Wippman, President of Hamilton College, thanking everyone and appreciated the fast response when a student went missing from the college.

Supervisor Meelan said the Village of Clinton Mayor, Elizabeth Tantillo, is putting together a Cannabis Committee for a September meeting sometime between the 21st-28th. Donna Yando and Garry Colarusso will join the committee.

Sales Tax Check was received in the amount of \$515,965.79

Town Clerk Maxam stated that a letter was received from the State of New York, Department of State, stating the 2020 Census figures for the Town of Kirkland. The population in 2010 was 10,315 and in 2020 - 10,075.

Mayor Tantillo explained that the Cannabis Committee is to educate people about the new law. A Village, Town or City has to pass a public referendum by December 31 to opt out. The Mayor said she did see revenue potential.

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #75

Upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilman Maxam, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board review and approve the bills as audited: The totals were:

A - 51,067.78
B - 7,078.10
DA - 9,030.75
DB - 35,751.09
SS1 - 13,751.05
SS 2 - 257.93
SS 4 - 52.58
Cap Fund H – 3,235.45

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert J. Meelan	Aye
Councilman Garry F. Colarusso	Aye
Councilwoman Donna E. Yando	Aye
Councilman Richard J. Maxam	Aye
Councilwoman Melanie L. O’Neil	Aye

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neil, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor Meelan opened the joint meeting with the Village to discuss the DRI Grant

Also present for special joint meeting with the Village of Clinton:

Mayor: Elizabeth C. Tantillo

Trustees: Richard M. Fuller

John J. Lauchert

Jackie Walter on projector and Patty Louise as speaker, presented to the Town and Village the DRI Grant Program. Patty stated that on July 27th they were told it was a yes to the program for this year and you have 5 weeks to do this in! The deadline for the application is September 15th. She went through some of the Wish Lists and said 2 from the previous application in 2019 had dropped out due to the rising costs of building right now. She explained that there are 10 regions in NYS with 6 counties in our region. Patty stated that the committee is still getting everything together and will have it done by the September 8th Board Meeting to look at the projects and give their approval. When it is complete, the link will be sent to review the project list and application. The 2019 application is on the Clinton Chamber of Commerce web site for anyone who would like to see it.

Supervisor Meelan asked if there were any questions or comments. A resident said she would like to see more accessible sidewalks, etc. for people with disabilities, she said some places in the Village are not passable for those in a wheel chair.

Supervisor Meelan thanked Patty and Jackie for their work and said they did a great job! All clapped for them!

There being no further business to come before the Boards, upon motion by Councilwoman Yando, seconded by Mayor Tantillo, the special joint meeting with the Village of Clinton was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Donna B. Maxam, Town Clerk