

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2022 WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, NEW YORK, AND VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE, COMMENCING AT 8:00 PM**

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN  
COUNCILPERSON CARLA BRAND  
COUNCILPERSON ALISON BOAK  
COUNCILPERSON DIANE BRIGGS  
COUNCILPERSON DANIEL PASCHKES

ALSO

PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON  
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

**Re: Proposed Regulation of Leaf Blowers**

Supervisor Hansan explained that the purpose of the work session was to consider possible legislative options for restricting the use of leaf blowers, taking into account a proposal from the resident group Pound Ridge CALM (Pound Ridge Community Appeal for Leaf Blower Moderation), as well as regulations implemented by neighboring towns.

Councilperson Brand proposed a modification of the town's existing noise ordinance as a mechanism to regulate leaf blower use. Her proposal included a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers beginning in 2025. Supervisor Hansan proposed a similar noise ordinance modification without a ban or a limitation (beyond the limitations in the existing noise ordinance) on personal use.

Both Councilperson Briggs and Councilperson Brand commented that the possibility that leaf blowing may create habitats favorable to ticks is relevant to the discussion. (An article from *Entomology Today* shared with Town Board members notes that "the common fall practice of blowing or raking leaves removed from lawns and landscaping to the immediate lawn/woodland edges can result in a three-fold increase in blacklegged tick numbers in these areas the following spring").

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
May 2, 2022