

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT THE TOWN HOUSE, 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, NEW YORK, AND VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE, COMMENCING AT 8:00 PM**

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

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM HARRINGTON (via Zoom videoconference)  
TOWN CLERK ERIN TROSTLE

**NOT**

**PRESENT:** DEPUTY SUPERVISOR LES MARON

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Hansan called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Pound Ridge Partnership's final summer concert, featuring local singer-songwriter Drew Bordeaux, is set for this Friday, September 8, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
- Thank you to the Pound Ridge Business Association for organizing yesterday's very successful Vintage and Artisan Flea market.
- The Garden Club will be taking orders for autumn bulbs in front of the market this Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- The public is invited to attend the town's annual 9/11 observance, which will take place at the firehouse at noon on Monday, September 11, 2023.
- This year's Harvest Festival, scheduled for October 7, 2023, will feature the band Galactic.
- The final Food Truck Friday of the season will be next Friday, September 15, 2023.

**III. MINUTES**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Town Board meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING – Open space referendum**

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**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, to open the public hearing on the Town Board’s passage of a resolution authorizing a ballot question regarding continuation of funding for the Open Space Acquisition Fund for a term of ten additional years.

Elyse Arnow, of 12 Fancher Road, who is the chair of the Open Space Acquisition Committee, expressed the hope that the board would support continued funding for open space acquisition committee and that the community would vote in favor in November.

Alexander Goldfarb, of 21 Patterson Road, stated that he was opposed to renewed contributions to the fund. He argued that setting aside conservation land could have the unintended consequence of making the town unaffordable for many.

Leah Benincasa, of 11 Southeastern Farm Road, said that she wished the board had considered a five-year rather than a ten-year renewal.

Pamela Corey, of Winterbottom Lane, who is co-chair of the Open Space Acquisition Committee, explained that land prices are rising, noted that continued support for the fund could provide more options for preservation of environmentally important land in the future.

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, to close the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION 197-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, on the following:

WHEREAS, the Town, by Resolution, as approved by Town-wide referendum in November 2000, established a Capital Reserve Fund for the acquisition of open space within the Town, funded by a general property tax levy (“Open Space Acquisition Fund”); AND

WHEREAS, the Town, having renewed and refunded that Open Space Acquisition Fund by Resolution, also approved by Town wide referendum in November 2010, for a period of ten years commencing January 1, 2011 and thereafter by Resolution Town-wide Referendum extended the Open Space Acquisition Fund to December 31, 2023; AND

WHEREAS, the Town’s Open Space Acquisition Fund funding is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2023; NOW IT IS HEREBY

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RESOLVED, that Town of Pound Ridge hereby approves the refunding and continuation of the Town Open Space Acquisition Fund for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2024. This resolution shall be effective August 31, 2023 subject to an affirmative Town wide referendum to be held at the General Election on November 7, 2023; AND IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the referendum shall read as follows:

Shall the Town of Pound Ridge continue to make contributions to a capital reserve fund dedicated to acquiring ownership rights, easements or interests in Open Space areas, as defined in Section 247 of the General Municipal Law, and to maintaining and preserving those Open Space areas previously or hereafter acquired by the fund. Such contributions shall continue to be financed from the annual general tax levy for a period of ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024, of \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value from 2024 through 2033.

AND IT IS FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Pound Ridge be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect this resolution and the placement of the referendum on the November 2023 Ballot.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Police Department – Ratify decision made in executive session**

**RESOLUTION 198-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, the motion passing 4-0 with Councilperson Brand abstaining, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the decision made in executive session to hire Carl Ion-Ming Yuan and Richard Arzon as part-time police officers effective immediately at an hourly rate of \$41.52/hour.

**B. Recreation Department – Update on activities proposed for Village Green**

Recreation Supervisor Andrea Russo described tentative plans for an adult cornhole league and a children’s Halloween activity to be held at the Village Green. The consensus among Town Board members was that it would be desirable for the Recreation Department to submit special event permit applications for activities to be held at the Village Green.

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**C. Town Clerk**

**1. Approval for cemetery transactions**

**RESOLUTION 199-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the repurchase of Plot 213 in Section 2 (four gravesites) from former Pound Ridge resident Norman McGrath, of 480 Hibiscus Boulevard, Merritt Island, FL 32952, at the original purchase price of \$120.00: AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the sale of Plots 328, 329, 330, and 375 in Section 3 (eight gravesites) at a price of \$8,000.00 to Dan and Denise Fraioli, of 71 Old Mill River Road, Pound Ridge; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the sale of Plots 147 and 153-2 in Section 3 (a total of three gravesites) to former Pound Ridge resident Mary Davey, of 50 Glenbrook Road, Apt 8J, Stamford, CT 06902, at a price of \$3,000.00; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the sale of plot 47-1 in Section 3 (one gravesite) to Deborah Golden, of 100 Eastwoods Road, Pound Ridge, at a price of \$1,000.00.

**Authorization to solicit bids for fuel oil and quotes for flower baskets and watering**

**2. RESOLUTION 200-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, the motion passing 4-0 with Councilperson Brand abstaining, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to solicit bids for fuel oil for the 2023-24 heating oil season; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to seek quotes for flower baskets and flower watering for the business district for 2024.

**3. Approval for permit modification for summer concert**

**RESOLUTION 201-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, all voting aye, on the following:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a modification to the Pound Ridge Partnership's permit for its summer concert series to change the date of the final concert from September 15 to September 8, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

**4. Approval for special event permit for Halloween walk**

**RESOLUTION 202-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Pound Ridge Business Association's application for its annual Halloween Walk, to be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

**5. Approval for special use permit and seasonal special use permit for BonBon by Vadiathan**

**RESOLUTION 203-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Brand, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a special use permit for the sale of pre-packaged take-out food at BonBon by Vadiathan, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a seasonal special use permit for outdoor seating at BonBon by Vadiathan.

**D. Conservation Board – Approval for Repair Café banners**

**RESOLUTION 204-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Paschkes, seconded by Councilperson Boak, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Conservation Board's request for twenty light pole banners advertising the Repair Café, which is set for Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Pound Ridge Elementary School.

**E. Water Control Commission – Approval for bond release**

**RESOLUTION 205-23**

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**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Boak, seconded by Councilperson Briggs, all voting aye, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the refund of Water Control Commission bond #2022-52 in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Evan and Behnaz Shumeyko for the property located at 19 Pound Ridge Road.

**F. Maintenance Department – Authorization to purchase leaf blower and bagger**

**RESOLUTION 206-23**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilperson Briggs, seconded by Councilperson Paschkes, the motion passing 4-0 with Councilperson Boak abstaining, on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Maintenance Supervisor to purchase a new 13 horsepower leaf blower and an Ultra Vac bagger at a cost of \$,3519.00, as budgeted.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Hansan adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Erin Trostle, Town Clerk  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
September 11, 2023