

Present:

Town Supervisor: Meg Wood

Councilpersons: Richard Gero, Lynn Donaldson, Steve Miller and Leanne Welch

Town Clerk: Erica Hedden

Also Present: Brian Ritching, Albert May

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag.

Public Participation: None

Councilperson Gero stated: Albert had a question; he asked me but I couldn't get him all the answers. He has a problem with the junk yard area up on Trout Brook rd.

Albert May stated: someone had asked me about it, so I was just trying to get some more information.

Supervisor Wood stated: it is pretty messy. Jon Senecal is working on this project to try and get it resolved. You can see it from the road. The neighbors are being cautious and trying to be respectful. His property is well "signed"

Councilperson Welch stated: I knew someone that lived near him in Johnsbury, and they said that he gets pretty heated.

Supervisor Wood stated: it's a safety concern. The ambulance could not get up there if they were needed. There is an ordinance in place and we are taking steps to try and get this resolved.

Resolution of the Town of Schroon to Declare Lead Agency Status Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") Relative to the Town of Schroon's Roger's Brook Sewer Main Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION # 158-2025

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon has proposed the Roger's Brook Sewer Main Improvement Project (hereinafter, referred to as "Said Action"); and

WHEREAS, Said Action requires review under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQ RA), per 6NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, Said Action is classified as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.4 and 617.5; and

WHEREAS, multiple agencies may have approval and/or funding authority over Said Action; and

WHEREAS, 6NYCRR Part 617.2(u) defines "Lead Agency " as, an involved agency principally responsible for undertaking funding or approving an action, and therefore responsible for determining whether an environmental impact statement is required in connection with the action, and for the preparation and filing of the statement if one is required;" and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2025 the Town of Schroon issued a Notice to Involved Agencies of its intent to establish itself as Lead Agency and that, pursuant to 6NYCRR Sections 617.6 (a)(3) , (b)(3) and 617.7 (b)(3), (b)(4), the Town initiated a coordinated environmental review process of Said Action as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and further intends to implement and complete all responsibilities of that office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Schroon Town Board that the Town of Schroon hereby declares itself Lead Agency, as defined in 6NYCRR Part 617.2(u), for the coordinated review of Said Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2025 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Miller, Supervisor Wood

Resolution of the Town of Schroon to Make SEQRA Determination Relative to the Town of Schroon Roger's Brook Sewer Main Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION # 159-2025

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon has proposed construction of the Rogers Brook Sewer Main Improvement Project (hereinafter, referred to as "Said Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined Said Action is an Unlisted Action pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Part 617, known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (collectively, the "Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon has conducted a coordinated review of Said Action with Involved Agencies and completed the Full Environmental Assessment Form for Said Action in compliance with the Regulations, and intends to comply with any permitting requirements necessary for the implementation of Said Action; and

WHEREAS, said review and assessment under SEQRA has resulted in a reasoned determination that Said Action will not result in adverse environmental impacts therefore, Said Action will not significantly impact the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, in its role as Lead Agency, that a Negative Declaration for the proposed construction of the Rogers Brook Sewer Main Improvement Project be issued in full compliance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2025 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Miller, Supervisor Wood

At a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Schroon Lake, New York on August 18, 2025, at 6:00 0'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:

Margaret Wood
Supervisor

Richard Gero
Councilman

Lynn Donaldson
Councilman

Steve Miller
Councilman

Leanna Welch
Councilman

In the Matter of The Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York (Additional Costs and Revised Scope)	RESOLUTION CALLING PUBLIC HEARING
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RESOLUTION # 160-2025

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law, has heretofore determined it to be in the public interest to provide for a certain increase and improvement of the facilities of Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York (the "Sewer District No. 1"), consisting of cost related to the replacement of sanitary sewer mains in the vicinity of Main

Street/Route 9 and Rogers Brook, in and for the Sewer District No. 1, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,500,000;

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report including an estimate of cost has heretofore been prepared in connection therewith and is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of such Town; and

WHEREAS, in order to undertake the improvements to the aforesaid facilities as described therein, it will be necessary to revise the scope of the project and to expend the sum of \$3,000,000, an increase of \$1,500,000 over that previously authorized for such improvements, and a revision to said map, plan and report has been prepared and added thereto in connection therewith as to the increased cost and change of project scope; and

WHEREAS, said project has now been determined to be an "Unlisted Action" pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), the implementation of which as proposed, it has been determined will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of authorizing such increase and improvement of facilities of said Sewer District No. 1 with the revised project scope at the revised maximum estimated cost; NOW, THEREFOR IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 15 Leland Avenue, in Schroon Lake, New York, in said Town, on September 8, 2025, at 5:30 O'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of increasing and improving the facilities of the Sewer District No. 1, in the manner described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper designated for this purpose, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

_____ Councilperson Gero _____ VOTING _____ Aye _____

_____ Councilperson Miller _____ VOTING _____ Aye _____

_____ Supervisor Wood _____ VOTING _____ Aye _____

_____ Councilperson Donaldson _____ VOTING _____ Aye _____

_____ Councilperson Welch _____ VOTING _____ Aye _____

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2025 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Miller, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE WOLF DEN WAY ROAD NAME

RESOLUTION # 161-2025

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve naming a new private road Wolf Den Way, that accesses Tax Map #147.5-1-50.000 and Tax Map # 147.5-1-20.100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves naming a new private road Wolf Den Way, that accesses Tax Map #147.5-1-50.000 and Tax Map # 147.5-1-20.100.

DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2025 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Miller, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE HIGHWAY GUARDRAIL PURCHASE – TABLED

REQUEST TO APPROVE CHANGING TIME OF DOCK ST CLOSURE FOR CAR SHOW ON 10/18/25

RESOLUTION # 162-2025

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON DONALDSON

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve changing the road closure time of Dock Street on 10/18/25 for the Car Show from 7AM to 2 PM, to 6AM to 2PM. Change is to ensure ample time to set up.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves changing the road closure time of Dock Street on 10/18/25 for the Car Show from 7AM to 2 PM, to 6AM to 2PM. Change is to ensure ample time to set up.

DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2025 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Miller, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE HIRE OF PT GOLF COURSE LABORER

RESOLUTION # 163-2025

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: SUPERVISOR WOOD

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve hiring Michael Muia as Part Time Golf Course Laborer, grade 3 at a rate of \$19.07/hour effective 8/19/2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves hiring Michael Muia as Part Time Golf Course Laborer, grade 3 at a rate of \$19.07/hour effective 8/19/2025.

DULY ADOPTED AUGUST 18, 2025 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Donaldson, Welch, Miller, Supervisor Wood

ABSTAINED: Councilperson Gero

Councilperson Donaldson stated: why are we hiring someone this late in the season?

Supervisor Wood stated: because our young employees are either headed off to college or are returning to their school sports obligations. We have the same problem at the beach.

Councilperson Gero stated: was this posted? Did we have other applicants?

Supervisor Wood stated: yes, and we did not have other applicants. We posted out in the beginning of the season for summer help. Jeanine is taking care of that and managing it very well.

Councilperson Gero stated: I am a little concerned that we are going to be hiring someone that is going to be on the ballot this November.

Councilperson Welch stated: he's not on the ballot he is going to run as a write in.

Supervisor Wood stated: I can't control what he is going to do, we need someone now until the course shuts down. If we do not hire him, I do not know who is going to do the work. Election is in November and this is from the third week in August to the second week in October, he won't be employed for the election.

Councilperson Gero stated: it's nothing personal; it's just public perception. I didn't know this was happening. I believe in transparency; I have a concern and please do not take this personally. Leanna, you used to work with him, I am not sure you should have sat in on the interview.

Councilperson Welch stated: that is a perfectly legitimate thought

Councilperson Gero stated: I do not know him; I am just concerned with public perception and transparency.

DISCUSSION: UPDATES

Supervisor Wood stated: I talked to Jim Dougan about the Adirondack Rd. He thinks making any changes like that, would be extremely difficult and expensive. The road is posted regularly; I drove around the road this weekend. I encountered one large truck.

Councilperson Gero stated: there are just a lot of things to consider. If you put the line in and you put a vehicle out onto a non-stabilized shoulder, we could be liable if they wreck. I do not know if this road is R restricted. I would still like to pursue some type of pedestrian crossing sign up at Seagle Music Colony.

Councilperson Donaldson stated: can I talk about Fowler Ave? Because we have a problem with that road being so narrow at the top.... What if we took out the sidewalk from the top to Windsor St?

Councilperson Gero stated: I think that would be a very unpopular opinion with the people that live there. We can't make the road any wider. There is a procedure we would have to follow to take away preexisting sidewalks.

Supervisor Wood stated: we also at one point talked about taking the sidewalk out on Windsor.

Councilperson Donaldson stated: a lot of our older sidewalks are in need of repair.

Supervisor Wood stated: I think we should spray the sidewalk

Councilperson Gero stated: do you want to actually spray the entire curb of the sidewalk?

Supervisor Wood stated: I would think so, we could use reflective white.

Councilperson Gero stated: yea, when I was there it was an additive of glass beads and that gave the reflectivity at night.

Wastewater Treatment Operator Ritchings stated: I will admit I am one of the guilty ones with traffic coming down, I have to go on the sidewalk. A solution would be to make it one way up the hill.

Councilperson Gero stated: I don't disagree with that, but I think with the way the grid pattern is down there, I think it would make it worse for people. I think we made Fowler one way; I don't think it would be a popular decision. I think its going to cause traffic issues down towards Woods lodge.

Wastewater Treatment Operator Ritchings stated: I agree but if you put a solid curb on that street, you can't pass.

Councilperson Welch stated: what if we did one way from Dock Street, not here, Dock Street one way, Fairfield, one way and then all the way up Fowler?

Councilperson Gero stated: that is a nasty intersection right there, it's so hard to see and with the cross walk right there. Just food for thought on all this. This will take MANY more discussion and we would really need a lot of public input.

Councilperson Donaldson stated: where are we on the new phones for the town hall?

Supervisor Wood stated: we heard back from the county. They got us three quotes but we are still looking into it. We need to hammer out the details if we are doing just this building, or all the buildings. The phones are getting worse and worse.

Councilperson Gero stated: just a quick question, the guardrail that we are trying to get, are these new or replacements?

Supervisor Wood stated: I think it was a replacement. He might want to reach out to Jim Dougan to make sure he has his specs correct. There is so much involved with guardrails, if he's just replacing guardrails, I think that's simpler. If he is putting in new guardrails, there is a whole slew of rules and regs he has to follow.

Supervisor Wood stated: to be honest, I am not 100% sure. I will ask Joe.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:54 PM
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM, carried unanimously

Erica Hedden- Town Clerk