

TOWN OF BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD
Minutes for Tuesday February 11th 2025

The Town of Beekman Board met for a regular TOWN BOARD meeting on Tuesday February 11th 2025. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Covucci at 6:00PM. The following members were present: Supervisor Mary Covucci, Councilman Capollari, Councilman Battaglini, Councilwoman Sharon Wohrman and Councilman Lemak.

Also present were the Deputy Town Clerk – Samantha Lopez-Mejorado who was filling in for Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono, also present was the Town Attorney, Craig Wallace.

Supervisor Covucci led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Covucci pointed out the emergency exits and called for a moment of silence for all those who have served our Country.

Town Board members read the Resolutions

Public Comments on the agenda: Bill Crain 254 Gardner Hollow Road, gave a personal thank you to Clifford Schwark from the CAC for all his hard work, and everything he'd done for Beekman. Bill also question resolution 18 Release of Bond for Treetop Ventures. Town Attorney Craig Wallace touched on the topic.

Public Comments: Doug Demasi 1214 Beekman Road, questioned a check to Greg Brown

Supervisor Covucci made a motion adjourn the Town Board meeting at 6:23PM, Seconded by Councilman Cappollari, All in Favor, AYE.

Respectfully Submitted by Deputy Town Clerk
Samantha Lopez-Mejorado
12, February 2025
Samantha Lopez-Mejorado

**BEEKMAN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

6:00 PM

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Administrative Announcement--Fire Exits

TOWN BOARD MEETING

- Supervisor Comments
- Public Comment on Agenda Items and Resolutions (3-Minute Limit)
- Monthly Reports attached

RESOLUTIONS

1. Accept September 24, 2024 Minutes -**PULLED**
2. Accept September 30, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
3. Accept October 8, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
4. Accept October 22, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
5. Accept November 6, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
6. Accept December 30, 2024 Minutes-**PULLED**
7. Accept January 8, 2025 Minutes-**PULLED**
8. Accept January 21, 2025 Minutes-**PULLED**
9. Accept February 3, 2025 Minutes- **PULLED**
10. Accept January 13, 2025 Minutes
11. Authorizing the Tax Certiorari Settlement for Bueti Property
12. Board Appointment to CAC
13. Accept the Resignation of Clifford Schwark from the CAC
14. Retain Special Counsel Attorneys to the Town for the Year 2025
15. Approve Entertainment for St. Patrick's Day Senior Event
16. Approve Entertainment for the Egg Hunt
17. Renew Contract with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office
18. Release Bond for Treetop Ventures
19. Update Workplace Violence Incident Response Team
20. Payment of Claims

- Other Town Board Business
- General Town Board Comments
- Public Comments (3-Minute Limit)
- **Next Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-1 (PULLED)
RE: ACCEPTANCE OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-2 (PULLED)
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RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-10
RE: ACCEPTANCE OF PAST TOWN BOARD MINUTES

WHEREAS, Town Clerk Laureen Abbatantuono has provided copies of the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting to all members of the Beekman Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Town Board members have had the opportunity to review said minutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting.

Introduced: Councilman Capollari

Seconded: Councilman Battaglini

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari ABS

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 05:29:24-11
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING
REGARDING VINCENT BUETI AND MARIA BUETI

The following Resolution was introduced by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, there is now pending in the Dutchess County Supreme Court a tax certiorari proceeding commenced in 2023 and 2024 by Vincent Bueti and Maria Bueti, regarding certain real property located in the Town of Beekman and designated as Tax Map Nos. 132200-6659-00-642626-0000 (624 Clapp Hill Road), 132200-6659-00-635664-0000 (638 Clapp Hill Road), 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (Deforest Road) and 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55) on the Official Assessment Map seeking a change in the tax assessment for the property as shown on the 2023 and 2024 tax assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor and Town Attorney have recommended a negotiated settlement of the 2023 and 2024 tax review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Beekman hereby approves a settlement on behalf of the Town of Beekman of the tax review proceeding for tax years 2023 and 2024, as it pertains to:

Tax Map No. 132200-6659-00-642626-0000 (624 Clapp Hill Road)

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2023	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$0

Tax Map No. 132200-6659-00-635664-0000 (638 Clapp Hill Road)

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2023	\$347,300	\$347,300	\$0

Tax Map No. 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (Deforest Road)

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2023	\$178,000	\$135,700	\$42,300

Tax Map No. 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55)

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	ORIGINAL AG EXEMPTION	TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE
2023	\$550,000	\$131,800	\$418,200

REVISED ASSESSMENT	REVISED AG EXEMPTION	REVISED TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE
\$375,000	\$89,930	\$285,070

Tax Map No. 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55)

ASSESSMENT ROLL	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	ORIGINAL AG EXEMPTION	TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE
2024	\$375,000	\$0	\$375,000

REVISED ASSESSMENT	REVISED AG EXEMPTION	REVISED TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE
\$375,000	\$89,930	\$285,070

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor and Town Attorney to the Town of Beekman, are hereby authorized to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Dated: February 11, 2025

ROLL CALL:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Councilman Capollari	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Battaglini	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilman Lemak	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councilwoman Wohrman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Supervisor Covucci	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-12
RE: BOARD APPOINTMENT TO THE CAC

WHEREAS, the Town Board will make appointments to the various boards; and

WHEREAS a vacancy exists on the Conservation Advisory Board, and the chairman has interviewed and recommends the appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Beekman Town Board does hereby make the following appointment,

Obed Varughese to the CAC with a term to expire December 31, 2026

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appointments are contingent upon completion and submission of the Disclosure of Interest Statement pursuant to Chapter 19-9 of the Town Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appointees shall file their Oath of Office with the Town Clerk of the Town of Beekman prior to serving their term.

Introduced: Supervisor Covucci

Seconded: Councilman Cappollari

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-13
RE: ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CLIFFORD SCHWARK FROM THE CAC

WHEREAS, Clifford Schwark has handed in his resignation from the Chairmanship as well as his membership of the Conservation Advisory Committee affective February 11, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts his resignation and thanks him for his many years and countless hours of service to the Town and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Introduced: Councilman Lemak

Seconded: Councilwoman Wohrman

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-14

RE: RESOLUTION TO RETAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL ATTORNEYS TO THE TOWN

WHEREAS, Wallace & Wallace, LLP, the Legal Counsel to the Town of Beekman cannot represent the Town in certain instances; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received an engagement letter from Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC to represent the Town of Beekman when requested,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC with offices at 641 Broadway, Newburgh, New York 12550 be, and hereby is employed and retained to represent the Town of Beekman when requested; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the engagement letter dated January 1, 2025, submitted to the Supervisor, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC shall be paid in accordance with the engagement letter submitted to the Supervisor dated January 1, 2025.

Introduced: Councilwoman Wohrman

Seconded: Councilman Battaglini

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari NAY

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-15

RE: APPROVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR SENIOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the Senior Center has a St. Patrick's Day Celebration scheduled for Monday March 17, 2025 from the hours of 11 am to 2 pm, with a snow date of Thursday, March 20, 2025, at The Links at Union Vale, and

WHEREAS, the costs will be covered by the fee of \$40 per person collected for the party,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following expenditure for entertainment be authorized, John Hannah's Mobile Music Services for an amount not to exceed \$250.00.

Introduced: Councilman Capollari

Seconded: Councilman Lemak

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-16
RE: APPROVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR EGG HUNT

WHEREAS, the 2025 Egg Hunt has been scheduled for April 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the funds have been included in the 2025 Annual Budget to provide entertainment during said event;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with:

- 1) "Just For Fun" for 2 games and 1 Elly the Elephant, delivery, setup and damage waiver fee for an amount not to exceed \$600; and
- 2) "Two by Two Animal Haven, Inc." for an amount not to exceed \$500

Introduced: Councilman Battaglini

Seconded: Councilman Capollari

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilman Lemak AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-17
RE: APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE DUTCHESS COUNTY
SHERIFF' S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the agreement between the Dutchess County Sheriff s Office and the Town of Beekman expired on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous in continuing the Contract with the Dutchess County Sheriff' s Office for the term of January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025 to provide police protection over and above the police protection budgeted and allocated for the Town, including security services at Town Court; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office has proposed amendments as per the attached 2025 Administrative Fee Schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town Board authorizes the proposed amendments between the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Beekman as per the attachments.

Introduced: Supervisor Covucci

Seconded: Councilman Battaglini

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-18

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF BOND FOR TREETOP VENTURES

WHEREAS, Treetop Ventures (hereinafter "Applicant") has made application to the Town of Beekman Planning Board for site plan approval and special use permit approval pursuant to the Approved Site Plan for that certain property located at 176 Beekman Poughquag Road, Beekman, New York 12570, on portions of three tax parcels identified as 132200-6758-00-365610, -329577 & -438672, within the R-45 and Aquifer Overlay District (the "property"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board granted conditional site plan approval and special use permit on August 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, one of the conditions required the applicant to post a performance bond under the Town Code prior to engaging in any construction related activities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted by the Town Board of Beekman on September 12, 2018, the Town Board accepted a performance bond from Barton Entertainment Company, LLC, number 72075379 in the amount of \$41,327.00 for Tree Top Adventure; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is in technical violation of his conditional site plan and special use permit approval which has resulted in a *de facto* revocation of the aforementioned site plan and special use permits, respectively, under the Town Code, specifically §155-60(I) - expiration of special use permits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Planning Board recommends to grant the applicant's request to cancel its previously posted performance bond and revoke applicant's approvals from the Planning Board as recited above; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this revocation and cancellation of performance bond, applicant is hereby ordered to return the property to its pre-application condition, and the Building Inspector shall inspect the property for compliance of this resolution, prior to any revocation and cancellation of the subject performance bond,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Beekman hereby revokes applicant's conditional site plan and special use permit relating to the property, and revokes the performance bond in accordance with the Resolution of Site Plan Approval and hereby authorizes the release of the security posted in the amount of \$41,327.00 to Barton Entertainment Company, LLC subject to the conditions set forth in this resolution.

Introduced: Councilman Lemak

Seconded: Councilwoman Wohrman

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-19
RE: RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE WORKPLACE VIOLENCE
OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Town Of Beekman's Workplace Violence Prevention Policy (the "Policy") was adopted on December 1, 2008, with revisions on November 16, 2011; January 6, 2016; June 21, 2017; April 28, 2020; May 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, due to staff changes the Town Board is desirous to update the incident response team,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town's Workplace Violence Incident Response Team members are designated as:

Gina Snyder
Theresa Manzo
Ezio Battaglini.

Introduced: Councilwoman Wohrman

Seconded: Councilman Lemak

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE
Councilman Battaglini AYE
Councilman Lemak AYE
Councilwoman Wohrman AYE
Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 02:11:25-20
RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper has audited and approved claims pursuant to Sect. 119 of Town Law as set forth in the attached abstracts; be it

RESOLVED, that the payment, therefore, is hereby authorized as follows:

Claims to be paid from the A-General Fund	\$ 53,499.43
Claims to be paid from the DA-Highway Fund	\$ 69,916.82
Claims to be paid from the SS-Dover Ridge Sewer	\$ 4,719.91
Claims to be paid from the SW-Dover Ridge Water	\$ 1,466.68
Claims to be paid from the T-Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 7,640.50
Claims to be paid from the H-Capital Fund	<u>\$ 1,889.50</u>
	<u><u>\$ 139,132.84</u></u>

01/30/2025 Payroll #3

General Fund	\$ 37,726.76
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 31,480.77</u>
	<u><u>\$ 69,207.53</u></u>

Introduced: Councilman Capollari

Seconded: Councilman Battaglini

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Capollari AYE

Councilman Battaglini AYE

Councilman Lemak AYE

Councilwoman Wohrman AYE

Supervisor Covucci AYE

Dated: February 11, 2025



November 6, 2024

Town of Beekman
Attn: Laureen Abbatantuono, Town Clerk
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

RECEIVED
NOV 29 10 40 AM '24

Dear Laureen,

The Tree Top Adventures rope course is closed. I acknowledge that Planning Board Site Plan and Special Use Permits will need to be obtained before re-opening the facility.

Please forward the details for bond number 72075379, Barton Entertainment Co LLC for \$41,327 Tree Top Adventures; Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater to the Building Department and Town Attorney for it to be removed from the Tree Top Adventures project. Please have all official actions taken to remove this bond from the project that no longer exists to avoid the hardship of paying the premium of \$1,240 to CNA Surety for September 2024 through 2025.

Thank you for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Barton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Peter J. Barton

**RESOLUTION REVOKING SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT
OF TREE TOP ADVENTURES**

Motion by: Faye Garito Seconded: Rob Lopane

WHEREAS, the Town of Beekman Planning Board granted conditional site plan and special use permit approvals for Tree Top Adventures on August 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, there was a condition that applicant post a performance bond in connection with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") pursuant to Sections 128-7 and 155-78 of the Beekman Town Code; and

WHEREAS, applicant was also required to have a performance bond for all infrastructure improvements as required under §155-59(I) and §155-60(M) of the Town Code, respectively; and

WHEREAS, applicant has elected to discontinue the project for personal business reasons; and

WHEREAS, there are conditions remaining that are outstanding in applicant's conditional approvals; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is in technical violation of his conditional site plan and special use permit approval which has now resulted in a *de facto* revocation of the aforementioned site plan and special use permits, respectively, under the Town Code, specifically §155-60(I) – Expiration of special use permits; and

WHEREAS, the applicant filed a letter dated November 6, 2024 with the Beekman Town Clerk seeking to cancel its performance bond previously posted bearing bond number 72075379 in the amount of \$41,327.00 for Tree Top Adventures; and

WHEREAS, applicant has consented to accept the revocation of its prior conditional site plan and special use permit approvals due to its failure to complete the project in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, applicant has acknowledged in the letter dated November 6, 2024, that it will need to obtain the aforementioned approvals by way of a new application before the Town Planning Board before applicant can operate Tree Top Adventures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, further, at its November 21, 2024 regular meeting, the Planning Board resolved to revoke its prior determination of conditional site plan and special use permit approvals at the request of the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the aforementioned revocation, the Planning Board hereby gives a positive recommendation to the Beekman Town Board to grant applicant's request to cancel its previously posted performance bond in favor of the Town of Beekman at a future Town Board meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the vote of the Planning Board was as follows:

Dated: November 21, 2024

ROLL CALL:

Chairman John Frustace III

Member Peter Poltrack

Member Rob Lopane

Member Faye Garito

Member Jayson Abbatantuono

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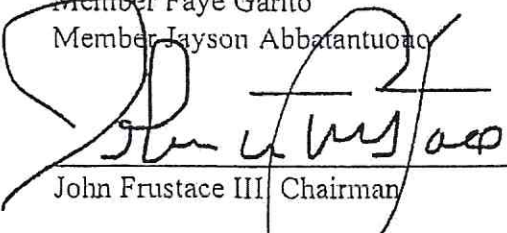
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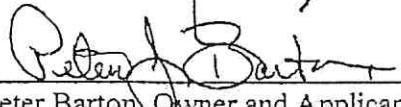
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John Frustace III, Chairman

11/27/2024

Date


Peter Barton, Owner and Applicant

12/30/2024

Date



Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

Adrian H. Anderson Law Enforcement Center
108 Parker Avenue • Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Main (845) 486-3800 - Fax (845) 452-2987 - TDD (845) 486-3888

Kirk A. Imperati, Sheriff
Jason W. Mark, Undersheriff

September 16, 2024

Town of Beekman
Mary Covucci, Supervisor
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

Dear Supervisor:

Please be advised of the changes to your contract for police/security services with the County and the Sheriff's Office effective January 1, 2025 are as follows:

The amount the contractor will reimburse the county will be \$12.83 per hour. This is in addition to the hourly rate of the member assigned.

The vehicle cost will be at the rate of \$1.18 per mile or \$100.00 per day for a vehicle requested as a presence. Fringe benefit rates are 18.80% retirement and 7.65% FICA. The new Administrative Fee Schedule is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Kirk Imperati
Sheriff

Enclosure

KI/RC/pw

"GETTING BETTER TOGETHER"



DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
108 Parker Avenue
Poughkeepsie, New York

2025 Administrative Fee Schedule

Hourly Rate Schedule 2025			
		Hr Rate	Hr OT Rate
Deputy Sheriff PT		\$30.00	
Deputy Sheriff Full Time			
Entry Level		\$30.21	\$45.32
Sr Member		\$68.59	\$102.89
Average Rate		\$49.40	\$74.11
Administrative Fees	\$12.83	per hour billed	
Mileage	\$1.18	per mile if car is required	
Shift Differential 6 pm – 12 mid	add 5%		
Shift Differential 12 mid – 6 am	add 10%		
Fringe Benefits Charged in addition to Hourly Rates			
Retirement 18.80%			
FICA 7.65%			

This fee schedule is an estimate. Range is from Part time member hourly rate \$30.00 to Senior member overtime rate and the average. All rates are based on the DCDS PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Vendor will pay actual cost of member assigned plus fringe and mileage if a vehicle is required as patrol. Should a vehicle be requested as a presence only, there will be a daily fee of \$100.



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Town of Beekman
Mary B. Covucci, Supervisor
4 Main Street
Poughquag, NY 12570

January 17, 2025

RE: Town of Beekman Continued Representation

Dear Supervisor Covucci and Town Board Members:

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the firm, to thank the Town Board for the confidence it has shown in our counsel by remaining a loyal client. The firm values its long-standing relationship with the Town and wishes that it continues for many years to come.

Also, please let this letter formally state the firm's interest in continuing to act as Special Counsel to the Town Board in 2025.

The firm proposes to continue to provide the Town Board with representation at an hourly rate of \$240.00 per hour.

We are ready, willing and able to assist the Town with its legal needs and to provide counsel to the Town in whatever capacity we are needed.

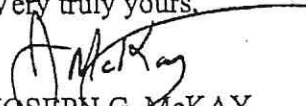
CATANIA, MAHON & RIDER, PLLC

January 17, 2025

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Thank you again. We look forward to continuing to work with the Town in 2025 and beyond.

Very truly yours,



JOSEPH G. MCKAY

JGM/jd/2576201

Pursuant to IRS Regulations, any tax advice contained in this communication or attachments is not intended to be used and cannot be used for purposes of avoiding penalties imposed by the Internal Revenue Code or promoting, marketing or recommending to another person any tax related matter.

Clifford P. Schwark
281 Hynes Road
Poughquag, NY 12570

February 5, 2025

TO: Mary Covucci, Supervisor
Town of Beekman

FROM: Clifford P. Schwark

Mary, the Town of Beekman currently has an opening on its Conservation Advisory Committee. Attached is a resume from Obed Varughese who has requested to be considered to fill that position.

I have reviewed his resume and have talked with Mr. Varughese. He resides in Beekman and would be able to attend the CAC's Monday meetings. I find him to be highly qualified, both in his educational background and work experience. It's also a plus that he is a military veteran.


I recommend Obed's approval as a member of the Town of Beekman CAC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cliff Schwark

Attachment

OBED VARUGHESE

ovarugh1@binghamton.edu | 

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/obed-varughese-mpa-2b6584109/>

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Local Government
- Project Management
- Policy Analysis
- City & Regional Planning
- Sustainable Communities
- Community Development
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Public Engagement
- Leadership

EDUCATION

- BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK** 2018
Binghamton, NY
- Master's in Public Administration, Specialization in Sustainable Communities
- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY** 2016
Syracuse, NY
- B.S in Environmental Science, Specialization in Watershed Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- PLANNER** April 2022 – Present
Orange County, Goshen, NY
- Review municipal planning, zoning and subdivision actions for potential inter-community and county-wide impacts per New York State General Municipal Law, SEQRA and NEPA
 - Analyze, create and maintain geographical information systems (GIS) and databases used to create and edit geofiles and maps for planning projects
 - Support consultants to facilitate the completion of grants per county goals as well as state and federal regulations
 - Provide advisory and technical assistance to local, state, and federal agencies, environmental organizations, and the public
- ALL SOURCE INTELLIGENCE ANALYST** June 2020 - Present
New York Air National Guard, Syracuse, NY

- Monitor numerous analytic tools that allow visualization and the accurate categorization, and animation of data points; enable accurate situational awareness to brief the air crew as necessary on threats to aircraft and real-time enemy course of action
- Conduct debriefings with crews to provide feedback, lessons learned, data trends as well as operate as a collection manager, develop collection requirements across intelligence disciplines while assisting in the cultivation of detailed and comprehensive strategic plans
- Support intelligence analysis by transforming intelligence requirements into collection requirements and prioritize and submit essential elements of information
- Provide tailored guidance to commanders for modifying Priority Intelligence Requirements, Commander's Critical Information Requirements and National Intelligence Priorities Framework

- PLANNER** December 2018 - March 2022
City of Binghamton, Binghamton, NY
- Interpreted and applied applicable state, county and local codes, ordinances and regulations
 - Provided technical assistance and support to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and Shade Tree Commission
 - Wrote and presented formal and technical reports, working papers, and correspondence
 - Provided direction to applicants and consultants, analyze plans and conduct site visits, prepare staff reports, agendas, conduct meetings, provide recommendations, and prepare minutes and approvals
 - Oversaw the completion of a \$1.6 million-dollar FEMA grant including budget, performance reports as well as closeout

AWARDS

- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award | United States Air Force
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal | United States Air Force
- Air Force Basic Military Training Honor Graduate | United States Air Force
- Robin Hood Oak Award | SUNY ESF

Mary,

This is my official letter of resignation as Chairman of the Town of Beekman Conservation Advisory Committee, effective February 4, 2025.

During the time I have served in this position (approximately 27 years), it's been a privilege to have worked with such dedicated, talented, highly-qualified CAC members.

The CAC has helped to protect our beautiful Town of Beekman's environment. It is my sincere hope that--with the continued support of the Town officials and CAC members--programs, studies and laws will continue to be put in place to ensure that our residents will, with pride, always consider it a privilege to call Beekman their home.

Cliff Schwark

At an IAS Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York held in and for the County of Dutchess, at 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

PRESENT: Hon. James V. Brands, J.H.O.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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In the Matter of the Application of
VINCENT BUETI and MARIA BUETI,

Petitioners,

-against-

TOWN OF BEEKMAN, a Municipal
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BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW,

Respondents.

For Review of the Assessment of Certain Real
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CONSENT JUDGMENT

Index No. 2023-52562

Assessment Year: 2023

Index No.: 2024-52944

Assessment Year: 2024

The above petitioners having heretofore served and filed Petitions and Notices to review the tax assessments fixed by the Town of Beekman for the 2023 and 2024 assessment rolls, upon certain real property located in the Town of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, and designated as Tax Map Nos. 132200-6659-00-642626-0000 (624 Clapp Hill Road), 132200-6659-00-635664-0000 (638 Clapp Hill Road), 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (Deforest Road), and 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55) on the Official Assessment Map of the Town of Beekman, and

The petitioners having appeared by Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, Karen E. Hagstrom, Esq., and the respondents having appeared by Wallace & Wallace, LLP, Craig M. Wallace, Esq., Attorney for the Town of Beekman, and the Intervenor-Respondent Arlington Central School District having appeared by Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP, Ira S. Levy, Esq., and the parties having made their settlement, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the assessments on the properties referred to herein, be and the same are hereby reduced, corrected and fixed for the 2023 and 2024 assessment rolls as follows:

DESCRIPTION (Tax Map No.): 132200-6659-00-642626-0000 (624 Clapp Hill Road)

<u>Assessment Roll</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Settlement Assessment</u>	<u>Amount of Reduction</u>
2023	305,000	305,000	0

DESCRIPTION (Tax Map No.): 132200-6659-00-635664-0000 (638 Clapp Hill Road)

<u>Assessment Roll</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Settlement Assessment</u>	<u>Amount of Reduction</u>
2023	347,300	347,300	0

DESCRIPTION (Tax Map No.): 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (Deforest Road)

<u>Assessment Roll</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Settlement Assessment</u>	<u>Amount of Reduction</u>
2023	178,000	135,700	42,300

DESCRIPTION (Tax Map No.): 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55)

<u>Assessment Roll</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Original Ag Exemption</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Value</u>
2023	550,000	131,800	418,200
	<u>Revised Assessment</u>	<u>Revised Ag Exemption</u>	<u>Revised Taxable Assessed Value</u>
	375,000	89,930	285,070
<u>Assessment Roll</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Original Ag Exemption</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Value</u>
2024	375,000	0	375,000
	<u>Revised Assessment</u>	<u>Revised Ag Exemption</u>	<u>Revised Taxable Assessed Value</u>
	375,000	89,930	285,070

, and it is further

ORDERED, that the officer or officers having custody of the assessment rolls upon which the above-mentioned assessments and any taxes levied thereon are entered shall correct the said entries in conformity with this Order and shall note upon the margin of said rolls, opposite of said entries, that the same has been corrected by the authority of this Order, and it is further

ORDERED, that there shall be audited, allowed and paid to the petitioners by the DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE, for Tax Map Nos. 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (Deforest Road) and 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55), the amounts of Dutchess County taxes and ad valorem Special District Taxes, if any, paid by the petitioners as taxes against the said erroneous assessment in the excess of what the taxes would have been had

the said assessments made in the aforesaid years been determined by this Order, together with interest thereon from the date of payment thereof as provided by statute, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with notice of entry, and it is further,

ORDERED, that there shall be audited, allowed and paid to the petitioners by the ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, for Tax Map Nos. 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (Deforest Road) and 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55), the amount of School taxes, and Library taxes if applicable, paid by the petitioners as taxes against the said erroneous assessments in the excess of what the taxes would have been had the said assessments made in the aforesaid years been determined by this Order, together with interest thereon from the date of payment thereof as provided by statute, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with notice of entry, and it is further

ORDERED, that there shall be audited, allowed and paid to the petitioners by the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or the Town of Beekman, for Tax Map Nos. 132200-6659-00-702852-0000 (Deforest Road) and 132200-6659-00-771685-0000 (Route 55), the amount of Town, Special District and any other ad valorem taxes paid by the petitioners as taxes against the said erroneous assessment in the excess of what the taxes would have been had the said assessment made in the aforesaid years been determined by this Order, together with interest thereon from the date of payment thereof as provided by statute, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, interest shall be waived in the event that payment is made within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order with notice of entry, and it is further,

ORDERED, that unless paid within sixty (60) days from service of this Order and of the Audit and Demand for payment all tax refunds are to be made with statutory interest from the date the taxes indicated herein were paid, pursuant to Section 726 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and it is further

ORDERED, that all tax refunds hereinabove directed to be made by respondent, the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, the Town of Beekman, the Arlington Central School District, and/or any of the various taxing authorities, be made by check or draft payable to the order of Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Luele, LLP, as attorneys for the petitioners, who is to hold the proceeds as trust funds for appropriate distribution, and who is to remain subject to the further jurisdiction of the Court in regard to its attorney's lien, pursuant to Judiciary Law Section 475, and it is further

ORDERED, that to the extent any taxes or assessments are unpaid and have already been billed for the Town, School, County and special districts in accordance with the original assessed valuations, the officer or officers having custody of the assessment rolls and/or the tax rolls shall forward to the property owner a new bill or bills, taxing said property owner on the basis of the final total assessed valuation as stipulated herein, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order hereby constitutes and represents full settlement of the tax review proceedings herein, and there are no costs or allowances awarded to, by or against any of the parties, and that upon compliance with the terms of this Order, the above-entitled proceedings be and the same are settled and discontinued.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York
_____, 2024

ENTER,

HON. JAMES V. BRANDS, J.H.O.

Signing and entry of the within
Order is hereby Consented to:

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Valhalla, NY 10595

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	3	5.52
	Marriage Lic.	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	4	70.00
		Sub-Total:		\$75.52
A1603	Vital Statistics Fees	Certified Copies	52	520.00
		Sub-Total:		\$520.00
A2544	Dog Licensing Fees	Exempt Dogs	2	0.00
		Female, Spayed	15	135.00
		Male, Neutered	12	108.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	30.00
		Sub-Total:		\$273.00

Total Local Shares Remitted: \$868.52

Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program 33.00
 Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation 94.48
 Amount paid to: State Health Dept. For Marriage Licenses 90.00

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$1,086.00

Total Non-Local Revenues: \$217.48

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Laureen Abbatantuono, Town Clerk, Town of Beekman, during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Mary Caucci 1/31/25
 Supervisor Date

Laureen Abbatantuono 1/31/25
 Town Clerk Date