

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE RAMAPO TOWN
BOARD HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Ramapo convened in on Thursday, August 31, 2017 in the Edwin Wallace Auditorium of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901.

Supervisor Yitzchok Ullman called the meeting to order and **Town Clerk, Christian Sampson** called the roll. The following Board members were present and answered to their names:

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Fredric Brinn	Councilman	Present	
Brendel Charles	Councilwoman	Present	
Michael Rossman	Councilman	Present	
Yitzchok Ullman	Supervisor	Present	
Patrick J. Withers	Councilman	Absent	
Michael L. Klein	Town Attorney	Present	
Christian G. Sampson	Town Clerk	Present	

Councilwoman Charles led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Attorney:

Resolution Precluding Town Board Consideration of New Zone Change Petitions

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-341

WHEREAS, under New York Law, the Town Board is vested with absolute discretion whether to entertain petitions by landowners for changes to the zoning map of the Town, and

WHEREAS, it has been falsely asserted that the Town Board is considering changing the zoning designation of one or more large parcels of land to allow multi-family housing not permitted under current zoning, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks to quash such misinformation and to assure Town residents that no new zone change petitions are being considered by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town Board to refrain from entertaining any zone changes until the Town Board considers a review and update to the Town’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that, effective immediately, it declares its intent that it will reject without consideration any petition seeking a zone change for the balance of the calendar year 2017 and pending Town Board discussions for the creation of a Comprehensive Land Use Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Yitzchok Ullman, Supervisor
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Brinn, Rossman, Ullman
NAYS:	Charles
ABSENT:	Withers

Set Public Hearing Dates:**Setting of Public Hearing: Amendment to Local Law - Temporary Modular Units for School Use****RESOLUTION NO. 2017-342**

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that a Public Hearing be hereby held on October 25, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York, for the purpose of soliciting public comments on **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 10-2004 (ZONING) AS AMENDED, TO REMOVE AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF TEMPORARY MODULAR UNITS FOR USE AS A SCHOOL PENDING APPLICATION AND APPROVAL FOR A PERMANENT SCHOOL FROM THE ZONING LAW.**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Brinn, Charles, Rossman, Ullman
ABSENT:	Withers

Setting of Public Hearing: Adoption of Local Law - Partial Moratorium in the R-15A Zoning District**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-343**

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that a Public Hearing be hereby held on October 25, 2017 at 7:05 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York, for the purpose of soliciting public comments on **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING LAW OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO TO ESTABLISH INTERIM ZONING PROVISIONS PENDING THE CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION OF REVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE R-15A ZONING DISTRICT.**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Fredric Brinn, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Brinn, Rossman, Ullman
NAYS:	Charles
ABSENT:	Withers

Setting of Public Hearing: Adoption of Local Law - Partial Moratorium in the R-15C Zoning District**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-344**

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that a Public Hearing be hereby held on October 25, 2017 at 7:10 P.M., at Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York, for the purpose of soliciting public comments on **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING LAW OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO TO ESTABLISH INTERIM ZONING PROVISIONS PENDING THE CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION OF REVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE R-15C ZONING DISTRICT.**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Fredric Brinn, Councilman
AYES:	Brinn, Rossman, Ullman
NAYS:	Charles
ABSENT:	Withers

New Business:**Appointment of Assessor****RESOLUTION NO. 2017-345**

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Assessor in the Town of Ramapo Assessor's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has recommended that Scott Shedler of Suffern, New York be reinstated in the position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Board does hereby re-instate **SCOTT SHEDLER** as Assessor effective September 1, 2017, at the annual salary of \$153,977, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Shedler will have the leave balances forfeited in June, 2016 reinstated; Mr. Shedler's absence from Town employment from June 21, 2016 until September 1, 2017 shall not be considered a break in service for entitlement to retiree medical benefits; and he shall become immediately eligible for medical and other health benefits from the Town of Ramapo upon the termination of such benefits from his employment with the Town of Clarkstown, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Shedler shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence beginning September 1, 2017 through September 15, 2017.

(SOURCE OF FUNDS: OPERATING BUDGET 1355A:3100)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Brinn, Charles, Rossman, Ullman
ABSENT:	Withers

Unscheduled Public Participation

Although there was no Public Participation Period scheduled this evening, Supervisor Ullman allowed the following persons to address the Town Board:

Deborah Munitz - 5 Rose Hill Road, Montebello, NY - requested action Re: Highview Hills; spoke against the project

Edwin Levy - 7 Wendover Lane, Suffern, NY - Intersection of Highview and Spook Rock cleared; requested resolution to stop construction

Annette Doerr - 99 Highview Road, Suffern, NY - spoke against development on Highview

Ryan Karben - representative of Real Estate Developers - spoke against proposed agenda asserting proposed local law illegal as it targets particular groups

Jack Schloss - 13 Pine Road, Suffern, NY - re: Item B1 & B3 requested definition of Partial Moratorium; expressed surprise at "clear cutting" of Highview project

Executive Session

Moved by Councilwoman Charles, seconded by Councilman Rossman, the Town Board moved **INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:37 P.M.**

Moved by Councilwoman Charles, seconded by Councilman Rossman, the Town Board moved **OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:35 P.M.**

Adjournment

Adjournment**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-346**

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo that the Special Town Board Meeting of the Ramapo Town Board held this evening, August 31, 2017 be hereby **adjourned at 7:35 P.M.**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendel Charles, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Rossman, Councilman
AYES:	Brinn, Charles, Rossman, Ullman
ABSENT:	Withers