

**CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580
AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 202.1, REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AND PUBLIC BODIES MAY MEET WITHOUT ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT. FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL, CITY HALL WILL REMAIN CLOSED. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO-CONFERENCING WITH NO IN-PERSON LOCATION AND WILL BE BROADCAST ON THE CITY WEBSITE. A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT A FUTURE DATE.

City of Rye residents may participate in the public meeting via the zoom link below. A resident wishing to speak on a topic should raise his or her hand and, when admitted to speak, should provide name and home address, and limit comment to no more than three minutes.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/96786014719?pwd=Z1JDYXVxd1hHNFIUVlJwKzRwT002dz09>

Or phone: (646) 558-8656 or (301) 715-8592 or (312) 626-6799
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[The Council will convene via ZOOM CONFERENCE at 5:15 p.m. and it is expected they will adjourn into a teleconference Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. to discuss attorney-client privileged matters, personnel matters, and/or labor negotiations.]

1. Roll Call.
2. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 24, 2021.
3. Open public hearings to adopt a new local law to implement a six-month moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any new application related to a subdivision or re-subdivision of property [or, alternatively, prohibiting the issuance of any building permit for any development on subdivision plats filed after June 1, 2020], development on steep slopes or the placement of a residential structure with its front not oriented towards a front yard for the duration of this moratorium. All public hearing comments should be emailed to publichearingcomments@ryeny.gov with "moratorium" as the subject no later than 3:00 pm on the day of the hearing.

4. Residents may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.
5. Status update on leaf blower regulations.
6. Consideration of an application from the Rye Town Park Commission to install a wireless telecommunication facility by Verizon.
7. Consideration of resolution for a 3-month extension of the moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any application related to the storage and dissemination of compressed natural gas or other type of energy or fuel transfer or energy or fuel generating facility.
8. Consideration of a resolution identifying the source of funds for the Central Avenue Pump station project.
9. Approve the application of Josh Levinson for the position of Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Rye Fire Department.
10. Consideration of a request from the Rye Sustainability Committee to install and maintain a monarch butterfly pollinator garden at the corner of Central Avenue and Boston Post Road, an area of land called “Central Park”. RSC will provide notice to the neighborhood community before beginning the work.
11. Consideration of a resolution expressing City support of the Community Solar and Demand Response campaigns administered by Rye Sustainability Committee seeking to earn credit for the Community Campaigns High-Impact Action under NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities Program.
12. Adjourn the public hearing to April 21, 2021 for consideration of a petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District. All public hearing comments should be emailed to publichearingcomments@ryeny.gov with “Osborn Zoning Change” as the subject no later than 3:00 pm on the day of the hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

13. Retroactive approval of a request from Christ Church to close Rectory Street from 8 am – 12 pm for a socially distanced outdoor Mass on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.
14. Consideration of a request by Amanda Yannette of the National Clothesline Project in Rye to host an event on the Village Green on April 10, 2021 from 12 – 4 pm in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month focused on empowering and supporting survivors, while also raising awareness about sexual assault and interpersonal violence.

15. Consideration of a request from Monty Gerrish at Milton Point Provisions to use the City parking lot on Milton Rd, "The Lane", Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm to host an outdoor movie, "BIG". A maximum of 50 people will be allowed to attend and COVID restrictions will be followed. There is no charge for admissions.
16. Old Business/New Business.
17. Adjournment

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The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held via Zoom Conference on March 24, 2021, at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
SARA GODDARD
CAROLINA JOHNSON
RICHARD MECCA
JULIE SOUZA
BENJAMIN STACKS
PAMELA TARLOW
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

None

The Council convened at 6:30 P.M. by videoconference pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 waiving requirements of the Open Meetings Law. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing and participation.

1. Roll Call.

Mayor Cohn asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

2. Acceptance with gratitude of the gift to the City by Carolyn Cunningham of an original City recycling poster.

Mayor Cohn stated that Carolyn Cunningham (recipient of the 2018 John Carey Award, former City Councilwoman, Planning Commission and CCAC member amongst other accomplishments), found one of the first posters of the City's Recycling Program from the early 1970's. The City will frame it and display it in a prominent area in City Hall to be appreciated by all.

3. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 10, 2021.

Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stacks and unanimously carried, to adopt the minutes of March 10, 2021.

4. Reconsideration of setting a public hearing for April 7, 2021 to adopt a new local law to implement a six-month moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of new applications for subdivision or re-subdivision of property, the development on steep slopes, the placement of a residential structure with its front not oriented towards a front yard, and other construction related activities for the duration of the moratorium

Councilwoman Goddard recused herself as she may or may not have a conflict with this agenda item.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried among the remaining Councilmembers, to set a public hearing for April 7, 2021 to adopt a new local law to implement a six-month moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of new applications for subdivision or re-subdivision of property, the development on steep slopes, the placement of a residential structure with its front not oriented towards a front yard, and other construction related activities for the duration of the moratorium.

5. Presentation of Capital Projects Finance Plan

City Manager Usry stated that the presentation highlights the items spoken about in memo included in the agenda packet. The slide show covered the basic way in which the City, through its current resources, can pay for the Capital projects, the cash liquidity needs over the next 4-9 months prior to considering a bond issue, and what the potential debt service would be should the Council move forward with all of the projects.

City Manager Usry stated that at the January 6, 2021 Council meeting, City staff reviewed the preliminary timeline for design, planning and construction of the major projects for the City. He stated that the rough estimates are based upon the best available information, but final costs and exact timelines cannot be accurately determined until designs are complete and the projects are bid.

The following table summarizes the various projects, including current estimated costs and the useful lives (as stipulated by the New York State Local Finance Law). The useful life calculation is important because it determines the term of any debt the City can issue to finance the projects. He stated that the useful life is not equivalent to the actual life of the project as Building 5 has a useful life of 25 years but the actual life is currently over 50 years.

| Projects | Total Cost* | Useful Life |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| DPW Building 5 | 4,500,000 | 25 |
| DPW Building 7 | 250,000 | 25 |
| DPW Salt Shed | 650,000 | 25 |
| DPW Fuel Tank | 250,000 | 15 |
| Locust Avenue Sewer | 443,480 | 30 |
| Breevort Force Main | 669,500 | 30 |
| Central Avenue Pump Station | 904,600 | 30 |
| Midland Sewer | 460,000 | 30 |
| Highland Road Sewer lining | 70,000 | 30 |
| Sewer Manhole and Line Rehab | 3,956,460 | 30 |
| City Hall HVAC | 2,400,000 | 25 |
| Theodore Fremd Wall | 1,300,000 | 15 |
| Forest Avenue Sidewalks | 2,178,000 | 15 |

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|----------------------------|----------------------|----|
| Police/Court | 3,100,000 | 25 |
| Temporary Court@ CarPark 5 | 600,000 | 25 |
| | \$ 21,732,040 | |

**Does not reflect grant reimbursements*

City Manager Usry stated in determining the City’s ability to fund the various projects, the City will utilize Capex Reserve Fund, grants, and long term debt.

First, beginning in 2019, the City began reserving General Fund surplus monies (so long as the General Fund Reserve met its 10% fund balance requirement) and setting those aside in a Capex Reserve Fund. By Council action and City policy, any excess monies at year end, as well as one-time, extraordinary revenues, are set aside to offset the cost of the CIP. Currently, the Capex Reserve totals \$5.5mm (prior to any 2020 year-end adjustments).

Second, the grants awarded for the sewer projects will be paid in the course of project construction, and will not require the complete outlay before reimbursement. He stated that this helps in liquidity planning, however most of this reimbursement will come after soft costs and therefore will occur later in the capex timeline. Similarly, the grant for the Forest Avenue sidewalk project will be paid over time once the project is underway. Given the timetable for the sewer projects, DPW improvements and City Hall HVAC, the expectation is to bond well before the sidewalk project.

| Grant-Qualified Projects | Total Cost | Grants | Net Cost |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| DPW Salt Shed | 650,000 | 400,000 | 250,000 |
| Locust Avenue Sewer | 443,480 | 177,610 | 265,870 |
| Breevort Force Main | 669,500 | 227,125 | 442,375 |
| Central Avenue Pump Station | 904,600 | 596,650 | 307,950 |
| Midland Sewer | 460,000 | 287,250 | 172,750 |
| Highland Road Sewer lining | 70,000 | 44,250 | 25,750 |
| Sewer Manhole and Line Rehab | 3,956,460 | 2,432,250 | 1,524,210 |
| Theodore Fremd Wall | 1,300,000 | 550,000 | 750,000 |
| Forest Avenue Sidewalks | 2,178,000 | 1,478,000 | 700,000 |
| | \$ 10,632,040 | \$ 6,193,135 | \$ 4,438,905 |

Third, the City will be relying on debt to finance most of the capital plan. Per the City Code, the Council has the authority to approve a specified amount of debt without public referendum (C21-9). This is limited to 30% of the average gross annual budget for the preceding three years. Based upon this limitation, the Council can currently approve an additional \$13.55 mm of bonds.

City Manager Usry added that looking at the Grant Qualified Projects chart, if the project exceeds the estimated total cost, the grant will not increase. The City will be responsible for the difference in cost.

Councilwoman Goddard asked if any other grants were in progress. He stated for these capital projects, there are no other grants in the works.

Councilwoman Tarlow commended the City for obtaining \$6.1mm in grants. She asked how it will be spread out over the 5-7 years. City Manager Usry stated that the grants are going to be reimbursed during the progress of the projects, versus at the end.

Councilwoman Tarlow asked to clarify why the estimates are not firm. City manager Usry clarified that some estimates are several years old and some projects have evolved and changed from the original plan. She stated that her question derived from looking at the Police/Court Facilities and how that estimate was for a simple project and what the plan would be to cover the cost when the project evolves into a much bigger project. City Manager Usry stated that the contingency of having to downsize or eliminate projects if estimates become quite sizable would be utilized. He added the Council can authorize additional bonds without referendum for certain qualified projects (\$1.77 mm under a Public Safety Exemption and \$2.5 mm under a Disaster Rebuilding Exemption).

Councilman Stacks stated once the City have firm plans of the projects with true estimates then contingencies can be reviewed at that time.

Mayor Cohn added that some of the projects are legally compelled such as the sewer projects and the police court renovation.

Councilwoman Goddard asked if the City was able to use the American Rescue Plan and/or the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) state aid towards these projects. City Manager Usry stated infrastructure is included under those grants and is a possibility.

Councilwoman Souza reminded the public that this list is the top of over \$60-70 million worth of projects that have been pending for years.

City Manager Usry stated that the state released 95% of the state aid money that was withheld last year. As a result, \$185,000 will be a gain in the 2020 year end result. Deputy Comptroller Fazzino added that the monies were withheld due to the CARES grant until the State was able to allocate their shortfalls.

Councilwoman Tarlow asked if the projects were prioritized by health and safety, legal requirements, and revenue enhancements. City Manager Usry stated that the priority list is primarily based off of a list from the City Council in 2018 with City staff input, but the reasons she stated were certainly a part of that decision making. Councilwoman Tarlow stated she was concerned that certain projects, such as dredging or other enterprise fund projects, have been put to the side for so long that it may get too expensive when it is time to focus on those projects. City Manager Usry stated he understood but as it related to dredging or similar projects, there are no realistic estimates to present any sort of future plan.

Mayor Cohn stated that future public discussion would need to occur as it relates to the City's role on funding enterprise fund needs. Councilwoman Tarlow stated enterprise funding is an accounting issue and not a fundamental issue but suggested Corporation Counsel Wilson or Deputy Comptroller Fazzino clarify that when the times comes.

Councilwoman Souza added that it should be a philosophical discussion because the enterprises were set up to be self-sustaining entities, however they are member organizations that would be using Rye tax dollars for the improvements.

City Manager Usry stated if the City wished to replenish part/all of the Capex Reserve and assuming the City has the authorized debt capacity, a bond issue can reimburse the City for expenses incurred before issuance. However, given the size of the City's CIP, we anticipate that most/all of the Capex Reserve will be required, along with the bond issue.

City Manager Usry said in addition to the timing of any borrowing, the City must consider the term of the bonds. Much like a conventional mortgage, the City's debt will amortize annually over the term, resulting in level annual payments. Because interest rates are so low, and the interest rate difference is relatively small between a 20-year and 30-year borrowing cycle, the City will seek to borrow for the longest term possible.

Ultimately, the maximum term will be determined by the City's bond counsel, based upon NY State Local Finance Law. Based upon current interest rates the annual debt service expense of \$15mm of debt (Council authorized debt, including the 2012 referendum debt) would be \$850K for a 20 year amortization and \$625k for a 30 year amortization.

Councilwoman Johnson asked what would occur if the City included an item in a bond and not more forward with the project. City Manager Usry stated the City borrows on a broad scope of projects.

Councilwoman Goddard asked if the timeline shifts for these projects, how the City will determine when the optimal time to bond would be. City Manager Usry stated that the City has \$5.5mm on in CapEx Reserve, without having to go to the General Fund reserve of \$4.8mm. The City can be ready within 60 days to get to the debt market so if the projects begin in spring, the City can be ready to bond in the summer, if necessary.

Councilwoman Tarlow commented on Councilwoman Johnson's question that the City uses generic terms, such as DPW improvements, without specifying the projects when bonding, so there is flexibility to amend projects if necessary.

6. Residents may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.

Richard Filippi, 13 Loewen Ct, stated some of the capital improvement projects go back to 2010, when he was a Councilman. He thought it would be helpful to specify whether a certain

project was regulatory and if there were fines if the City did not fix the items on the Capital Projects list.

Fiona Degnan, 57 Morehead Drive, Junior at Rye High School, and Officer of the School's GSA (Gender-Sexuality Alliance), requested on behalf of the club to raise a pride flag on the City Green this coming June, which would promote a powerful message of acceptance to the community. She added that New Rochelle raised a pride flag last June and County Executive George Latimer officiated a pride flag raising ceremony in Westchester County in 2019 and 2020. She noted that everyone is welcome to join their meetings which occur on a weekly basis.

Shahid Malik, 60 Ridge St, wanted to address pedestrian crossing safety. He noticed that trucks often park on Purchase Street and Boston Post Road by Ford which blocks the ability for vehicles to see pedestrians. He also stated that cars continue to drive on the green at Fireman's Circle and the City should look into a solution.

Kristy Fianza, owner of Plush Blow at 52 Purchase Street, asked if there would be future street closure of Purchase Street and Elm Street with the warm weather approaching. Mayor Cohn stated there is no current plan but she is welcome to reach the Council via e-mail or schedule an appointment regarding her feedback, as it will be a focus of discussion within the next month or so. Councilwoman Souza added she can e-mail the Chamber as well.

Dane Asermely, partner with Miguel Olmedo of Meso Restaurant, stated he hoped there would be some accommodation for outdoor dining on public property utilizing the rear parking area or street parking.

Eason Kamander, 130 Theodore Fremd Ave, asked for the opinion of the Council if raising a pride flag on the Green was a viable opportunity.

Mayor Cohn stated there is not a Council position but stated last year they did recognize pride month and the pride group, held a recognition event on the Village Green and had a Council meeting discussion as it related to what type of flags can be flown. He stated they will seek legal advice and have Council discussion so they can provide a formal response.

Councilwoman Goddard stated she personally supports raising a Pride Flag as it has been done locally in New Rochelle, Bedford, White Plains, Yonkers and the County for the last 7 years.

Councilwoman Tarlow added she also supports a Pride flag raising in June and requested they put a formal request in writing so the Council can have a discussion.

Kim Iannucci, 16 Byrd Street, spoke in support of the Pride flag. She stated it should be viewed not as a political topic but rather a humanitarian effort. She asked how long it would take for this item to be added to the agenda to be voted on. Mayor Cohn stated the Council is currently seeking legal advice and working on a questionnaire but are looking to have a decision made in advance of June. Councilwoman Johnson stated they do not want to have any of the issues that occurred during the Blue Lives Matter flag and are seeking Counsel to make sure everything is done correctly and everyone feels safe.

Councilwoman Souza echoed Councilwoman Johnson stating she wants to make sure the Council takes the correct steps in a clear and safe manner.

Councilwoman Goddard added that she personally felt legal advice is not necessary, as it has been voted on by legislative bodies across the Country.

Genevieve Weber, speaking on behalf of PRYEde Community Group, stated they support the raising of the flag and looks forward to the continued discussion.

Lisa Tannenbaum, 12 Roosevelt Ave., suggested in addition to the Pride Flag in June, the City approve flying flags in accordance with months recognized by government, such as Black History month and Woman's History month.

Eason Kamander thanked the Council for their consideration and added that this issue impacts everyone, not just the LGBTQ+ community, since it impacts accepting all kinds of behaviors.

7. Open the public hearing for March 24, 2021 to review and adopt the Rye Police Review Committee's plan to improve upon any findings the Committee has gathered through their review process of the Rye Police Department.

By way of background, Mayor Cohn explained in June, following the death of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police Officers, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order requiring all municipalities with police departments to address the needs of the community, foster trust with the community, and address any issues as it relates to racial bias and disproportionate policing of people of color. In August, the governor's office issued a guide to the process.

Mayor Cohn invited Lisa Dominici and Guy Dempsey, Co-Chairs of the Police Review Committee, to provide a briefing on the findings of the Committee. Ms. Dominici spoke about the proposed recommendations. She stated the committee included Rye Police Department leadership, Rye City Government, and community stakeholders. As part of the analysis, the committee solicited input from members of the community about their views and included public listening sessions and a widely publicized anonymous survey available in English and Spanish seeking input on their views of the Police. She commended Officer Caputo and Lieutenant Falk on their willingness and cooperation during the process.

Ms. Dominici stated in September they create sub-committees to become topic experts in specific topics to focus on recommendations to be reviewed as a whole committee. Mr. Dempsey stated that subject matter experts created an anonymous survey to obtain feedback. They then brought in an external expert to review and analyze the results of the survey to maintain the anonymity of the comments and to make sure there was an impartial person reviewing the data. After the committee created a draft set of recommendations, they then posted it for public comment for additional feedback.

There was a general consensus that the Public safety needs are being excellently met by the Rye PD and a high level of trust, fairness and accountability between Rye City Police and

community. That said, room for improvement includes the 18 recommendations provided to the City.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stacks and unanimously carried, to open the public hearing.

Councilman Mecca questioned recommendation #13, asking how an advisory committee also monitor implementation. Mr. Dempsey clarified that an advisory group can monitor but cannot take action and therefore is not an oversight committee. He stated the idea was to have another group of citizens looking to make sure the accepted recommendations have been carried out.

Councilwoman Souza stated she really appreciated the recommendations as they are very community-minded.

Councilman Mecca questioned if recommendation #14 put police at a higher level of scrutiny. Councilwoman Johnson stated the intent is actually the opposite in that out of the 22,000 phone calls the Police receive a year, there is only a handful of complaints. The committee felt it was important for the public to see those statistics.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to close the public hearing.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed Executive Order No. 203 (“EO 203”) requiring, in part, each local government entity which has a police agency operating with police officers to perform a comprehensive review of current police force policies, procedures, and practices for the purposes of addressing the needs of the community served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness and legitimacy;

WHEREAS, EO 203 requires the City to create a plan to adopt and implement recommendations resulting from said review and offer such plan for public comment to all citizens of the locality by no later than April 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, in accordance with EO 203, the City consulted with stakeholders, including but not limited to, membership and leadership of the local police force, members of the community, and other interested parties (the “Committee”), and made recommendations tailored to the specific needs of the community and intention of continuing to provide and, where necessary, to improve police services within the City of Rye; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rye hereby adopts in whole the recommendations provided by the Committee.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Cohn, Councilmembers Goddard, Johnson, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tarlow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

8. Purchase Plaza update with consideration to extend the cold weather plan by 45-days and authorize City staff to approve limited alterations to private property and non-street City-owned property.

City Manager Usry stated the winter plan to support the restaurants in a non-invasive way, expires at the end of March. As the staff and Council are not ready to make decisions on the future of Purchase Street, he recommend an extension of the winter plan until May 15, 2021, to give everyone enough time to plan and consider what the Council and community want to see for Purchase Plaza. Additionally, several restaurants with private property have asked if they can invest in platform/tenting on their property in anticipation of warmer weather. As a result, City Manager Usry asked Council to consider approving City Staff to approve permits and waiving fees associated with allowing these structures only their own private property.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, last summer, in response to Governor Cuomo’s “New York State on PAUSE” executive order and the public health emergency guidelines, the City authorized the use of outdoor public and private space to allow for a larger area to provide tables and chairs and other necessary amenities for customers; and

WHEREAS, as the winter season is ending and while the City continues to consider how Purchase Street and other streets within the Central Business District will operate this summer, the City would like provide some flexibility for eating establishments to provide outdoor dining facilities on private property without impacting any City street, sidewalk or otherwise impede or alter public access; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council extend the existing winter plan that is set to expire on April 1, 2021 until May 15, 2021 to allow for sufficient time to plan for any Purchase Street Plaza modifications for the summer and/or fall of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and City staff to take any necessary steps to allow for outdoor dining facilities on private property while maintaining sufficient emergency access and providing for pedestrian/cyclist safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby waives any outdoor dining permit fees or other similar fees for 2021; and

Where there is conflict between this Resolution and any other law, this Resolution shall control.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be in effect until the later of August 31, 2021 or the end of any 2021 Purchase Street Plaza authorization.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Cohn, Councilmembers Goddard, Johnson, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tarlow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

9. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Carefree Boat Club.

City Manager Usry explained that Carefree Boat Club is a fractural rental based out of the Boat Basin who has worked with the Boat Basin Commission for two years. They have asked the City to codify this relationship by creating a lease structure detailing the annual corporation fee in addition to the slip rentals, an office for one of the slips, and provides operational guidance.

Councilwoman Souza made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tarlow and unanimously carried, to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Carefree Boat Club.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Cohn, Councilmembers Goddard, Johnson, Mecca, Souza, Stacks, Tarlow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

10. Consideration of a request from Rye Sustainability Committee RSC to host a Compost Give Back Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 7 am – 2 pm at Disbrow Park near the Food Scrap Recycling drop-off. Rye residents may collect free compost with their own shovel and container to coincide with spring planting.

Councilman Stacks asked where the compost came from. Patti Capparelli, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, stated it comes from a variety of places such as Ulster or New Milford Farms. Ms. Capparelli added that Scarsdale picks up the compost and Mamaroneck pays a delivery fee.

Councilwoman Tarlow added she hopes the City will pick up the compost.

Councilwoman Tarlow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Goddard and unanimously carried, to approve a request from Rye Sustainability Committee RSC to host a Compost Give Back Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm at Disbrow Park near the Food Scrap Recycling drop-off. Rye residents may collect free compost with their own shovel and container to coincide with spring planting.

11. Adjourn the public hearing to April 7, 2021 for consideration of a petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District. All public hearing comments should be emailed to publichearingcomments@ryeny.gov with “Osborn Zoning Change” as the subject no later than 3:00 pm on the day of the hearing.

Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stacks and unanimously carried, to adjourn the public hearing to April 7, 2021 for consideration of a petition from The Miriam Osborn Memorial Home to amend the text of the City of Rye Zoning Code Association to create new use and development standards for “Senior Living Facilities” in the R-2 Zoning District.

12. Old Business/New Business.

Councilman Mecca stated that the City had sadly lost three Volunteer Fire Chiefs this year in 2021 and wanted to acknowledge their contributions to the Poningo Hook and Ladder Company and surrounding communities. Kenneth Dahlgren, Chief from 1978-1974, and a 50 year member, Ray Jamoca, Chief from 1984-1990, 50 year member, and George Hogben Chief from 1998- 2004 and 2006-2012.

Councilman Mecca also stated that there are two new hires for the career fire department. City Manager Usry stated he was delighted to bring on two local Rye firemen which has completed the roster for the first time in many years.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Souza and unanimously carried, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn D’Andrea
Rye City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: April 7, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Open public hearings to adopt a new local law to implement a six-month moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any new application related to a subdivision or re-subdivision of property [or, alternatively, prohibiting the issuance of any building permit for any development on subdivision plats filed after June 1, 2020], development on steep slopes or the placement of a residential structure with its front not oriented towards a front yard for the duration of this moratorium. All public hearing comments should be emailed to publichearingcomments@ryeny.gov with "moratorium" as the subject no later than 3:00 pm on the day of the hearing.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council open the public hearing.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

See attached Local Law.

Prospective Moratorium – pending or previously approved applications are not impacted

CITY OF RYE

LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF 2021

A Local Law adopting a six-month moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any new application related to a subdivision or re-subdivision of property, the development on steep slopes or the placement of a residential structure with its front not oriented towards a front yard for the duration of this moratorium.

WHEREAS, in recent years, the City of Rye’s land use boards have become increasingly concerned with the configuration of properties proposed within subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to address the maneuvering of lot lines and the creation of flag lots that may meet the dimensional requirements but not the intent of the City Zoning Code and land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would also like to address the impact that development has on property that is environmentally constrained with steep slopes; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision and re-subdivision of property with minimum street frontage can impact neighborhood character, can result in streetscape and traffic circulation impacts, and can limit flexibility to choose alternative driveway curb-cut locations; and

WHEREAS, properties that have remained undeveloped for many years because they are constrained by topographic features, such as the presence of rock outcroppings, steep slopes, wetlands or high groundwater can now be improved because of new technologies (rock removal techniques and sump and sewer pumps); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that residential structures that are not sited on property in proper relationship to an improved right-of-way or street can negatively impact the character and the harmony of a neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to review the City’s existing Zoning Code and other land use regulations relating to the above observations to ensure that the character of the neighborhoods are preserved and that any subdivision or re-subdivision of property is appropriate and addresses any environmental, visual or other relevant considerations; and

WHEREAS, the City expects that it may require up to six months to consider the aforementioned issues and prepare any necessary legislative amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

The City Council wishes to review the existing zoning and land use regulations permitting the subdivision or re-subdivision of property, the development on steep slopes and the siting of residential structures on lots. The goals of the City Council include, but are not limited to, the overall development of the City, protecting sensitive environmental features of property, ensuring that the appropriate land use mechanisms are in place to allow for flexibility in design and placement of residential structures, and that the health, welfare and safety of its residents can be maintained while allowing for reasonable and appropriate development.

Section 2. Enactment of Moratorium. Prohibited Actions.

For a period of six months from the effective date of this local law, the City Council hereby declares a moratorium prohibiting all of the following actions in the City:

- A. Acceptance or consideration by the City Planning Commission of any:
 - 1) new applications for subdivision or re-subdivision of residential property in the City of Rye;
 - 2) new applications involving a new residential structure or expansion of a residential structure within 20 feet of slopes greater than 25% (i.e. 1:4). This prohibition specifically excludes applications for swimming pools, recreation facilities, garages, decks, and other similar residential accessory structures; and
 - 3) new applications for any new residential structure that does not have its front facing a front yard.

- B. Acceptance or consideration by the Board of Architectural Review of any:
 - 1) new applications involving a new residential structure or expansion of a residential structure within 20 feet of slopes greater than 25% (i.e. 1:4). This prohibition specifically excludes applications for swimming pools, recreation facilities, garages, decks, and other similar residential accessory structures; and
 - 2) any new applications involving a new residential structure that does not have its front facing a front yard.

- C. Acceptance or consideration of any new administrative lot line adjustments pursuant to City Code § 170.11.C on which at least one of the parcels contains a residential structure.
- D. This moratorium excludes the acceptance, consideration, processing and approval of the following permits, including, but not limited to: fence permits, permits for generators, blasting/rock chipping permits, demolition permits, oil/gas heating permits, building permits for decks, tree removal permits, right-of-way permits, plumbing and drainage permits, stormwater permits, and surface water and erosion control permits.

Section 3. Appeals/waiver.

- A. An aggrieved property owner may petition the City Council for a waiver and the City Council shall have the discretion to grant such waiver, or as much relief as said Council may determine to be necessary and appropriate. In determining the suitability of a waiver under this section, the City Council shall consider the following factors:
 - 1. Unnecessary hardship to the petitioner, which hardship is substantially greater than any harm to the general public welfare that would result from the granting of the waiver. The property owner shall have the burden of demonstrating to the City Council that a waiver is warranted due to substantial hardship and that such substantial hardship was not the result of an act or omission by the applicant or property owner. In considering this factor, the City Council may request information regarding alternatives that the Applicant has considered or whether there are additional long-term plans; and
 - 2. The project's harmony (or lack thereof) with the existing character of the community as a whole and the area of the community in which the property is located; and
 - 3. Whether the application for which the relief is requested is consistent with any recommendations, or conclusions which may be drawn at the time of the public hearing from the aforementioned City Council review and study; and
 - 4. Whether the applicant is in compliance with all other City Code requirements with respect to its City's operations; and
 - 5. Whether the application for which the relief is requested is consistent with any proposed regulations, if and as such may exist at the time of the public hearing.

B. Waiver procedure. Such petition shall be the subject of a public hearing before the City Council. Upon submittal of a written petition to the City Clerk by the property owner or applicant seeking a waiver of this moratorium, and supported by such documentation as the applicant deems relevant, the City Council shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such petition, conduct a public hearing on said petition upon five (5) days public notification in the official newspaper of the City. The City Council shall, within ten (10) days of the close of the hearing, render its decision in writing, either granting or denying the petition.

C. It shall be within the discretion of the City Council to grant, in whole or in part, grant with conditions, or deny, the petition for relief from the terms of this moratorium. In granting a waiver, in whole or in part, the City Council must find that the waiver will not adversely affect the purpose of this Local Law.

D. If the City Council does grant a waiver, in whole or in part, the Applicant must still submit an application for the requested permit to the appropriate board or commission and proceed through the necessary review process set forth in the Rye City Code.

Section 4. Early Termination or Extension of this Local Law

In the event any new Local Law which addresses the substantive issues set forth herein, should be enacted and adopted by the City Council prior to the date that the moratorium imposed by this Local Law expires, then in that event, the moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall expire on the date such new Local Law takes effect in accordance with § 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

In like manner, if more than 6 months have passed since the implementation of this Local Law, and it shall be determined by a finding of the City Council that an extension of this moratorium is required, then the City Council by resolution, may extend this moratorium for such a period of time as it deems necessary in order to further the purposes of this law up to and including an additional 180 days from the date of the original expiration of this Local Law.

Section 5. Conflicts with State Statutes and Authority to Supersede

A. To the extent any provisions of this Local Law are in conflict with or are construed as inconsistent with the provisions of New York State Law, this Local Law shall control. The City Council adopts this local law pursuant to authority in the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2; Section 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law; Section 10 of the Statute of Local Governments; the relevant provisions of the General City Law of the State of New York; and the general police power vested with the

City of Rye to promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents and property owners in the City.

B. During the time that this law is in effect, it shall take precedence over and shall be considered controlling over contrary laws, ordinances and provisions. It is the intent of the City Council, pursuant to its authority under section 10, subdivision 1(ii)(d)(3), and section 22 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, to supersede inconsistent provision of the New York State General City Law and the City of Rye Zoning Code.

- a. In particular, it is the intent of the City Council, pursuant to authority under Sections 10 and 22 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, to supersede inconsistent provisions of the New York State General City Law and the City of Rye City Code relating to the time limits in connection with zoning and planning determinations and with respect to the jurisdiction and authority of the Board of Appeals with respect to hearing variances or waivers related to this local law.

Section 6. Severability

If any part of this Local Law is deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

CITY OF RYE

LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF 2021

A Local Law adopting a six-month moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any new or previously filed¹ application related to a subdivision or re-subdivision of property, the development on steep slopes or the placement of a residential structure with its front not oriented towards a front yard for the duration of this moratorium.

WHEREAS, in recent years, the City of Rye’s land use boards have become increasingly concerned with the configuration of properties proposed within subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to address the maneuvering of lot lines and the creation of flag lots that may meet the dimensional requirements but not the intent of the City Zoning Code and land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would also like to address the impact that development has on property that is environmentally constrained with steep slopes; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision and re-subdivision of property with minimum street frontage can impact neighborhood character, can result in streetscape and traffic circulation impacts, and can limit flexibility to choose alternative driveway curb-cut locations; and

WHEREAS, properties that have remained undeveloped for many years because they are constrained by topographic features, such as the presence of rock outcroppings, steep slopes, wetlands or high groundwater can now be improved because of new technologies (rock removal techniques and sump and sewer pumps); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that residential structures that are not sited on property in proper relationship to an improved right-of-way or street can negatively impact the character and the harmony of a neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to review the City’s existing Zoning Code and other land use regulations relating to the above observations to ensure that the character of the neighborhoods are preserved and that any subdivision or re-subdivision of property is appropriate and addresses any environmental, visual or other relevant considerations; and

¹ This moratorium would apply to any subdivision plat filed after June 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the City expects that it may require up to six months to consider the aforementioned issues and prepare any necessary legislative amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Rye as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

The City Council wishes to review the existing zoning and land use regulations permitting the subdivision or re-subdivision of property, the development on steep slopes and the siting of residential structures on lots. The goals of the City Council include, but are not limited to, the overall development of the City, protecting sensitive environmental features of property, ensuring that the appropriate land use mechanisms are in place to allow for flexibility in design and placement of residential structures, and that the health, welfare and safety of its residents can be maintained while allowing for reasonable and appropriate development.

Section 2. Enactment of Moratorium. Prohibited Actions.

For a period of six months from the effective date of this local law, the City Council hereby declares a moratorium prohibiting all of the following actions in the City, regardless of the submittal or receipt of any application prior to the effective date of this local law:

- A. On any plat filed in the Westchester County Clerk's Office with a file date after June 1, 2020, no board, commission or other entity/person having jurisdiction shall issue any building permits.
- B. Acceptance, consideration, preliminary approval or final approval by the City Planning Commission of any:
 - 1) application for subdivision or re-subdivision of residential property in the City of Rye;
 - 2) application involving a new residential structure or expansion of a residential structure within 20 feet of slopes greater than 25% (i.e. 1:4). This prohibition specifically excludes applications for swimming pools, recreation facilities, garages, decks, and other similar residential accessory structures; and
 - 3) application for any new residential structure that does not have its front facing a front yard.
- C. Acceptance, consideration, preliminary approval or final approvals by the City Board of Architectural review of any:

- 1) any application involving a new residential structure or expansion of a residential structure within 20 feet of slopes greater than 25% (i.e. 1:4). This prohibition specifically excludes applications for swimming pools, recreational facilities, garages, decks, and other similar residential accessory structures; and
 - 2) any application involving a new residential structure that does not have its front facing a front yard.
- D. Acceptance, consideration, processing or approval of any administrative lot line adjustments pursuant to City Code § 170.11.C on which at least one of the parcels contains a residential structure.
- E. The issuance of any exterior building permits by the City of Rye Building Department or City Engineer in connection with any activity prohibited above. This section D excludes the following permits, including, but not limited to: fence permits, permits for generators, blasting/rock chipping permits, demolition permits, oil/gas heating permits, building permits for decks, tree removal permits, right-of-way permits, plumbing and drainage permits, stormwater permits, and surface water and erosion control permits.

Section 3. Appeals/waiver.

- A. An aggrieved property owner may petition the City Council for a waiver and the City Council shall have the discretion to grant such waiver, or as much relief as said Council may determine to be necessary and appropriate. In determining the suitability of a waiver under this section, the City Council shall consider the following factors:
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 2. The project's harmony (or lack thereof) with the existing character of the community as a whole and the area of the community in which the property is located; and

3. Whether the application for which the relief is requested is consistent with any recommendations, or conclusions which may be drawn at the time of the public hearing from the aforementioned City Council review and study; and
4. Whether the applicant is in compliance with all other City Code requirements with respect to its City's operations; and
5. Whether the application for which the relief is requested is consistent with any proposed regulations, if and as such may exist at the time of the public hearing.

B. Waiver procedure. Such petition shall be the subject of a public hearing before the City Council. Upon submittal of a written petition to the City Clerk by the property owner or applicant seeking a waiver of this moratorium, and supported by such documentation as the applicant deems relevant, the City Council shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such petition, conduct a public hearing on said petition upon five (5) days public notification in the official newspaper of the City. The City Council shall, within ten (10) days of the close of the hearing, render its decision in writing, either granting or denying the petition.

C. It shall be within the discretion of the City Council to grant, in whole or in part, grant with conditions, or deny, the petition for relief from the terms of this moratorium. In granting a waiver, in whole or in part, the City Council must find that the waiver will not adversely affect the purpose of this Local Law.

D. If the City Council does grant a waiver, in whole or in part, the Applicant must still submit an application for the requested permit to the appropriate board or commission and proceed through the necessary review process set forth in the Rye City Code.

Section 4. Early Termination or Extension of this Local Law

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In like manner, if more than 6 months have passed since the implementation of this Local Law, and it shall be determined by a finding of the City Council that an extension of this moratorium is required, then the City Council by resolution, may extend this moratorium for such a period of time as it deems necessary in order to further the purposes of this law up to and including an additional 180 days from the date of the original expiration of this Local Law.

Section 5. Conflicts with State Statutes and Authority to Supersede

A. To the extent any provisions of this Local Law are in conflict with or are construed as inconsistent with the provisions of New York State Law, this Local Law shall control. The City Council adopts this local law pursuant to authority in the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2; Section 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law; Section 10 of the Statute of Local Governments; the relevant provisions of the General City Law of the State of New York; and the general police power vested with the City of Rye to promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents and property owners in the City.

B. During the time that this law is in effect, it shall take precedence over and shall be considered controlling over contrary laws, ordinances and provisions. It is the intent of the City Council, pursuant to its authority under section 10, subdivision 1(ii)(d)(3), and section 22 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, to supersede inconsistent provision of the New York State General City Law and the City of Rye Zoning Code.

- a. In particular, it is the intent of the City Council, pursuant to authority under Sections 10 and 22 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, to supersede inconsistent provisions of the New York State General City Law and the City of Rye City Code relating to the time limits in connection with zoning and planning determinations and with respect to the jurisdiction and authority of the Board of Appeals with respect to hearing variances or waivers related to this local law.

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If any part of this Local Law is deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective Date

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: April 7, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of an application from the Rye Town Park Commission to install a wireless telecommunication facility by Verizon.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the application.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

See attached application.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: Building

DATE: April 7, 2021

CONTACT: Christian K. Miller, City Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a resolution to extend by 90-days the moratorium in the City of Rye temporarily prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any application related to the storage and dissemination of compressed natural gas or other type of energy or fuel transfer or energy or fuel generating facility.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

**RYE CITY CODE,
CHAPTER
SECTION**

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council extend the moratorium.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The original moratorium is set to expire on April 30, 2021 but will be extended to July 29, 2021. See attached resolution.

CITY OF RYE

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM IN THE CITY OF RYE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING THE REVIEW, PROCESSING OR APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION RELATED TO THE STORAGE AND DISSEMINATION OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, MANUFACTURED NATURAL GAS OR OTHER SIMILAR ENERGY SOURCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS.

WHEREAS, the Rye City Code currently has a twelve month moratorium in place prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any application related to the storage and dissemination of compressed natural gas, manufacture gas or other similar energy source; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium expires on April 30, 2021 and the City Council finds that it needs an additional 90 (ninety) days to complete its study and research.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Rye that the moratorium prohibiting the review, processing or approval of any application related to the storage and dissemination of compressed natural gas, manufacture gas or other similar energy source is hereby extended for an additional ninety days from April 30, 2021 to July 29, 2021.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: April 7, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a resolution identifying the source of funds for the Central Avenue Pump station project.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize the City Manager to sign the resolution.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

See attached resolution designating the funding source for the Central Avenue Sewer Pump station.



CITY OF RYE
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RESOLUTION

Authorizing Funding for the Central Avenue Pump Station

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized the City Manager to seek funding through the WIIA Clean Water Grant Program from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (“EFC”) to enable repairs to the City’s sewer system, including the Central Avenue Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, the EFC needs the City to identify the specific funding sources for the necessary sewer work and repairs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City’s financial obligations with respect to the Central Avenue Pump Station will be paid from the 2021 Adopted Budget Capital Projects Fund General Capital Projects Account 513004 and associated with cost center 581235.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: Department of Public Safety C

DATE: April 1, 2021

CONTACT: Rob Falk , Commissioner of Public Safety

AGENDA ITEM: Approve the application of Josh Levinson for the position of Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Rye Fire Department.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve this application.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: A background investigation was completed and it was determined that the applicant, a resident of Rye, is a viable candidate for the position of Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Rye Fire Department.



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Lt. Robert J. Falk
Commissioner of Public Safety

TO: Mr. Greg Usry, Rye City Manager
FROM: Lt. Robert J. Falk, Public Safety Commissioner
SUBJECT: Josh Levinson – Volunteer Firefighter Candidate
DATE: March 30, 2021

A background investigation was completed and it has been determined that applicant, Josh Levinson a resident of Rye, NY, is a viable candidate for the position of Volunteer Firefighter with the City of Rye Fire Department.

This writer finds no substance to prevent the City of Rye Fire Department from hiring candidate Josh Levinson as a volunteer firefighter.



Lt. Robert J. Falk
Public Safety Commissioner



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from the Rye Sustainability Committee to install and maintain a monarch butterfly pollinator garden at the corner of Central Avenue and Boston Post Road, an area of land called "Central Park". RSC will notify neighbors before beginning installation.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

**RYE CITY CODE,
CHAPTER
SECTION**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve this request.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: RSC has reviewed several possible locations in the City and worked with DPW to secure this location. RNC could provide yearly spring and fall maintenance. RNC has milkweed seeds for the site. Volunteers/interns will install the bed. DPW would need to water the garden. Both the Rye Garden Club and Rye City Lions Club have expressed interest in contributing funding to the site. At this point, we're unsure if we'd need any funding.

Maintenance Plan

- Need to establish a NO (once a year) MOW perimeter.
- Watering- if installed early spring they should become established pretty well requiring no watering
- Weeding- initial area to be cut low, assuming a lawnish area, followed by planting.
- Annual site visits to remove obvious invaders like maples, brambles, etc.
- Once a year mowing will help keep invasives down and give milkweed roots a chance to RUN.
- Cutting back- once a season mowing, AFTER monarchs have gone and asters have finished flowering or as late in fall as possible.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a resolution expressing City support of the Community Solar and Demand Response campaigns administered by Rye Sustainability Committee seeking to earn credit for the Community Campaigns High-Impact Action under NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize the letter.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

Community Solar is a campaign to encourage residential customers to participate in Sustainable Westchester's Community Solar program which broadens accessibility of renewable energy beyond the scope of the homeowners and property owners. Subscribers sign up for a community project of their choosing offered through the program and they can earn up to 10% savings on their electricity bill.

Demand Response aims to widen the reach of energy efficiency programs to provide cost savings on energy bills during peak times in the Summer Season to those that join GridRewards. GridRewards is tied to ConEdison's demand response program. Residents can earn cash rewards for reducing their electricity usage during peak usage times. These times occur during the warmer months. Participants sign up via an app. The app alerts users to the peak (or high demand) energy usage times in our area. By taking simple energy actions, they reduce their electricity usage and earn cash. In order for residents to get the most benefits from the app, they should enroll by April 1. They can enroll up until May 1st, but they will receive reduced benefits. At the end of the summer, they will receive a check.

RSC and Sustainable Westchester plan to host public presentations and create all marketing material. RSC will provide community outreach and use its website and social media platform to encourage residents to attend the information sessions and enroll in the programs.

See attached scoping documents.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF RYE
COMMUNITY SOLAR AND DEMAND RESPONSE CAMPAIGNS

WHEREAS, a community solar and demand response campaign is a short term, local effort administered by the City of Rye Sustainability Committee that brings together residents through outreach and education, and

WHEREAS, this model helps residents choose a vetted community solar provider and provides the opportunity to benefit from reducing electricity use during times of peak demand, and

WHEREAS, community solar typically offers up to 10% savings on residents' electric bills and demand response participants can earn money for reducing electricity use during times of peak demand, and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses who sign up to participate in demand response by a specific deadline will be able to be able to participate in the program, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Sustainable Westchester provide technical assistance and other tools and resources to communities in support of community solar and demand response campaigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rye supports, endorses, and is committed to participate in a community solar and a demand response campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Rye stands ready to assist with community outreach and education in support of a community solar and a demand response campaign.

Community Campaigns - Scoping Document

Version 1

Purpose

This scoping document is intended for use by local government officials seeking to earn credit for the Community Campaigns High-Impact Action under NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program. The purpose is to help municipal officials, campaign teams, and NYSERDA clearly understand the individual jurisdiction's goals and objectives, milestones, and deliverables, as well as the roles and responsibilities of project partners, to help ensure the success of the campaign.

Introduction

Community-scale campaigns can be an effective way to encourage adoption of new, innovative technologies to generate value and savings for consumers while advancing New York's clean energy goals. The goal is for local residents and businesses to gain increased access to clean energy. Community Campaigns are generally short-term efforts that identify potential customers through widespread outreach and education.

What is the focus of your Campaign? (Check all that apply)

Community Solar

The intent of the campaign is to encourage residential and / or commercial customers to participate in the following solar opportunities (Check all that apply):

- Community Solar**
- Solar-For-All

Electric Vehicles

The intent is for the local government along with partner organizations and volunteers to initiate and develop partnerships with car dealerships, platform providers, and / or other EV industry partners to offer local residents and businesses a variety of makes and models of electric vehicles. The offer may be promoted through ride and drive events and other outreach efforts.

Clean Heating and Cooling and Energy Efficiency

The intent is for the local government to develop partnerships with NYSERDA-approved Clean Heating and Cooling Community Campaigns if they are available in the area. The local government along with partner organizations and volunteers organize a structured campaign to encourage the adoption of clean heating and cooling technologies (e.g., ground- and air- source heat pump systems and heat pump water heaters) as well as energy efficiency retrofits to homes, businesses, and community institutions.

Demand Response

Demand response is important because the actions of individual customers can be aggregated in ways that deliver significant value to the grid. Local governments are uniquely positioned to help customers benefit directly from this opportunity. The local government should consider developing partnerships with providers of demand response products and services, like smart thermostat deployments, battery energy storage, and peak saver campaigns. The objective is to increase resilience and leverage capacity markets for the benefit of participating customers.

Part 1: Project Overview, Primary Contact, and Lead Organization

What is the name of the campaign?

Community Solar Campaign - The City of Rye

What community / communities will be served, and who are the intended participants?

Specify the geographic area that your campaign falls within i.e., village, town, city, or county? Who are the intended participants?

This community solar campaign will be administered in, and serve the residents and eligible community solar participants in the City of Rye. Community Solar broadens accessibility of renewable energy beyond the scope of homeowners and property owners. This campaign, through an outreach and community education effort led by municipal and other community leaders, will strive to make the community solar opportunity available to all interested residents - renters and homeowners - and other eligible subscribers - including many houses of worship and certain small businesses, social service organizations, nonprofits, etc.

This campaign seeks to widen the reach of community solar to provide consistent cost savings on energy bills to those that join community solar as a result of the campaign, and contribute to driving solar development locally and lowering the energy burden for LMI residents that enroll in Community Solar, and specifically Sustainable Westchester's Community Solar Program.

The City of Rye is organizing to administer multiple complementary Community Campaigns towards NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program and will leverage the success and momentum of each campaign to support the other(s).

Who is the project manager for your campaign?

This person serves as the primary contact and is the liaison between NYSERDA and the core team for the duration of the campaign. All communication between NYSERDA and the campaign will go through this individual. This person can be a volunteer, official, or staff member of the local government or lead organization. The project manager may not have financial relationships with vendors that may apply to participate in the campaign. The project manager should expect to make a significant time commitment to the campaign.

First Name: James

Last Name: Ward

E-mail: james.livingston.ward@gmail.com

Phone Number: 914-356-3390

Title / Position: Vice Chair, Rye Sustainability Committee

Who is the lead organization?

The lead organization must be a local government, school district, or nonprofit organization (Partnerships are strongly encouraged). The lead organization is responsible for coordinating with NYSERDA and among the other partners.

Name of Lead Organization: City of Rye

Mailing Address: 1051 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580

The Lead Organization is a: Local Government

Part 2: Partners and Core Team

Provide the names of all members of your Core Team.

The Core Team may consist of volunteers from the community, officials, and / or staff members of the local government, or other partners. At least one official and / or staff member from the applying jurisdiction shall be a member of the Core Team and identified below. Include each Core Team member's role along with any specialty i.e., marketing, social media, specific software such as MS Excel, community outreach, etc. Core Team members may not have financial relationships with vendors that may apply to participate in the campaign. Core Team members should expect to make a significant time commitment to the campaign.

The Core Team is comprised of individuals from:

City of Rye:

- Mayor Josh Cohn (Providing campaign guidance)

The City of Rye Sustainability Committee:

- James Ward, Vice Chair, (Project Manager, Coordinating Outreach & Marketing Efforts)
- Patti Capparelli, Chair, (Community Outreach)
- Pamela Haas, Member, (Marketing)

Sustainable Westchester:

- Nina Orville, Executive Director and interim Director, Solar Programs (Providing Campaign Guidance)
- Carmen Santos, Manager, Solar Programs (Administering the Campaign and Coordinating Outreach & Marketing Efforts)
- Claire Kokoska, Manager, Community Solar Program (Administering the Campaign and Coordinating Outreach & Marketing Efforts)
- Maria Genovesi, Director, Marketing, Outreach, and Communications (Marketing)

List the names of all local partner organizations.

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Describe the community served by the campaign.

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Describe your community’s participation in local sustainability and clean energy initiatives.

Describe your community’s participation in Clean Energy Communities and Climate Smart Communities. Has your community been in contact with a former Solarize campaign? Do you have plans to coordinate with another campaign?

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The City of Rye has chosen to collaborate with Sustainable Westchester to assist in outreach and enrolling community members to Sustainable Westchester’s Community Solar Program.

Sustainable Westchester teams with various community partners (social service groups, nonprofits, some small businesses, sustainability committees, environmental committees, volunteer teams, municipal leaders) to assist in the outreach effort as we let community members know how community solar works, its environmental and financial benefits, and how to sign up for those that are interested. Sustainable Westchester has run other successful community

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| Installer(s)/Vendors selected | Date: Sustainable Westchester |
| Launch Event | Date: 3/24/21 |
| Public Outreach & Education Events | Date: March through June |
| Participant Sign-Up Deadline | Date: June 31, 2021 or the date at which |

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| | consolidated billing for community solar goes into effect. |
| Participant Contracting Deadline | Date: N/A |
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Consider community calendars; workshops at libraries, lunch & learns, upcoming community events, etc. and list campaign events

| Completed? (X) | Event and Venue (List events) | Date / Time | Result (number of attendees) | Notes | Assign roles |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Virtual Community Solar Information Session | TBD | | | The City of Rye and Sustainable Westchester |
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| | Virtual Community Solar Information Session | Mid April | 50+ | Combined Community Campaign | Combined Community Town/City Hall and Sustainable Westchester Earth Day Event |

Events – Commercial

Consider Lunch & Learns at employers, Green Building Associations or business energy events, Technology councils or Chamber of Businesses and list campaign events.

| Completed? (X) | Event and Venue (List events) | Date / Time | Result (# of attendees) | Notes | Assign roles |
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| The City of Rye does not intend to host designated events for commercial entities at this time. All community solar events, and most community solar communications will note that religious institutions are eligible and that | | | | | |

nonprofits, social service organizations, and small businesses may be deemed eligible after a review of the respective entity's utility bills.

Partner Organization Outreach

Consider which partner organizations will help spread your message i.e. volunteer committee, environmental clubs and organizations, faith communities, Boys / Girls Scouts, Rotary Clubs, schools, etc.

| Name | Date | Item | Who / Contact Info | Social Media Addresses |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The City of Rye | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Noga Ruttenberg, Assistant to the City Manager nruttenberg@ryeny.gov | @cityofrye - Instagram |
| Sustainable Westchester | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Nina Orville, Director of Solar Programs (incoming Executive Director) nina@sustainablewestchester.org Carmen Santos, Manager, Solar Programs carmen@sustainablewestchester.org Claire Kokoska , Community Solar Manager claire@sustainablewestchester.org | @sustainablewestchester |
| Town of Rye Sustainability | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Pamela Jaffee, Chair of Town of Rye Sustainability Committee pjaffee@townofryeny.com | |
| Port Chester Sustainability | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | community representatives | |
| Rye Brook Sustainability | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Alex Marshal, Assistant to the Village Administrator, Rye Brook, AFrank@ryebrook.org | |

E-Newsletters

Consider spreading your message through a municipal email newsletter or through email newsletters of a partner organization, homeowner associations, etc.

| Name | Date | Item | Who | Completed? |
|--------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | |
| Sustainable Westchester Email Listing | TBD | Announcement of dates concerning the campaign | Sustainable Westchester | |
| Rye Sustainability Committee Email Listing | TBD | Announcement of dates concerning the campaign | Rye Sustainability Committee | |

Local Media

Consider issuing a press release and conducting outreach to print, radio, online publications and social media; identify local reporters that cover business, neighborhood / community interest, home and garden, and environment.

| Outlet | Date | Story | Who | Completed? |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Next Door | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |
| Patch | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |
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| Rye Record | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |
| MyRye.com | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |

Websites

Identify websites that will host information about your campaign or events.

| Name | Date | Item | Who | Completed? |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|
| The City of Rye Sustainability Committee Website | TBD | Webpage | Patti Capparelli | |
| Sustainable Westchester Website | TBD | Webpage | Maria Genovesi | |

Social Media

Identify social media to post information about your campaign or events.

| Site | Dates | Who / What Posted | Completed? |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| The City of Rye Sustainability Committee Facebook Page | Throughout the campaign | Will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| Sustainable Westchester Facebook and Instagram | Throughout the campaign | Will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| The City of Rye Sustainability Committee Instagram Account | Throughout the campaign | Will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| Rye Moms Facebook Page | Throughout the campaign | Will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| 10580 Facebook Page | Throughout the campaign | Will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |

Flyers / Banners / Mailings

Identify opportunities to use Flyers / Banners / Mailings to spread the word about your campaign or events.

| What | Where Placed | When | Who is Responsible? |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Flyers | Rye Free Reading Room | Throughout campaign | SW generated Flyer, The City of Rye Sustainability Committee to distribute |

Tabling

Identify opportunities to use tabling to spread the word about your campaign or events.

| What | Where | When | Who is Responsible? |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Farmers Markets | Rye | Spring 2021 when open to community vendors again (post-COVID) | Rye Sustainability Committee Project Team |
| Earth Day Celebrations | | | |

Estimated Budget for Campaign Marketing and Outreach

| Expense | Estimated Cost \$ |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Marketing Flyer | Sustainable Westchester will design these materials. |
| Staff Hours | To be covered by municipality, or each participating organization, respectively. |

If you have any questions or require additional information, please send an email to cec@nyserda.ny.gov and someone will get back to you.

Community Campaigns - Scoping Document

Version 1

Purpose

This scoping document is intended for use by local government officials seeking to earn credit for the Community Campaigns High-Impact Action under NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program. The purpose is to help municipal officials, campaign teams, and NYSERDA clearly understand the individual jurisdiction's goals and objectives, milestones, and deliverables, as well as the roles and responsibilities of project partners, to help ensure the success of the campaign.

Introduction

Community-scale campaigns can be an effective way to encourage adoption of new, innovative technologies to generate value and savings for consumers while advancing New York's clean energy goals. The goal is for local residents and businesses to gain increased access to clean energy. Community Campaigns are generally short-term efforts that identify potential customers through widespread outreach and education.

What is the focus of your Campaign? (Check all that apply)

Community Solar

The intent of the campaign is to encourage residential and / or commercial customers to participate in the following solar opportunities (Check all that apply):

- Community Solar
- Solar-For-All

Electric Vehicles

The intent is for the local government along with partner organizations and volunteers to initiate and develop partnerships with car dealerships, platform providers, and / or other EV industry partners to offer local residents and businesses a variety of makes and models of electric vehicles. The offer may be promoted through ride and drive events and other outreach efforts.

Clean Heating and Cooling and Energy Efficiency

The intent is for the local government to develop partnerships with NYSERDA-approved Clean Heating and Cooling Community Campaigns if they are available in the area. The local government along with partner organizations and volunteers organize a structured campaign to encourage the adoption of clean heating and cooling technologies (e.g., ground- and air- source heat pump systems and heat pump water heaters) as well as energy efficiency retrofits to homes, businesses, and community institutions.

✓ Demand Response

Demand response is important because the actions of individual customers can be aggregated in ways that deliver significant value to the grid. Local governments are uniquely positioned to help customers benefit directly from this opportunity. The local government should consider developing partnerships with providers of demand response products and services, like smart thermostat deployments, battery energy storage, and peak saver campaigns. The objective is to increase resilience and leverage capacity markets for the benefit of participating customers.

Part 1: Project Overview, Primary Contact, and Lead Organization

What is the name of the campaign?

Demand Response Campaign - The City of Rye

What community / communities will be served, and who are the intended participants?

Specify the geographic area that your campaign falls within i.e., village, the Town, city, or county? Who are the intended participants?

This Demand Response campaign will be administered in, and serve the residents and eligible participants in the City of Rye. This campaign seeks to widen the reach of energy efficiency programs to provide cost savings on energy bills during peak times in the Summer Season to those that join GridRewards as a result of the campaign. This effort will contribute to lowering the need to “peaker plants” that produce dirty energy and pollution in disenfranchised communities (often) to meet electric demand during times of peak electric use throughout the grid. GridRewards is an innovative program that allows participants to sign up via an app, and will then be notified prior to times of “peak” grid electric use and, if they reduce their electric use for several hours, they will receive cash rewards from ConEd.

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The City of Rye is organizing to administer multiple complementary Community Campaigns towards NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities Program and will leverage the success and momentum of each campaign to support the other(s).

Who is the project manager for your campaign?

This person serves as the primary contact and is the liaison between NYSERDA and the core team for the duration of the campaign. All communication between NYSERDA and the campaign will go through this individual. This person can be a volunteer, official, or staff member of the local government or lead organization. The project manager may not have financial relationships with vendors that may apply to participate in the campaign. The project manager should expect to make a significant time commitment to the campaign.

First Name: James

Last Name: Ward

E-mail: james.livingston.ward@gmail.com

Phone Number: 914-356-3390

Title / Position: Vice Chair, Rye Sustainability Committee

Who is the lead organization?

The lead organization must be a local government, school district, or nonprofit organization (Partnerships are strongly encouraged). The lead organization is responsible for coordinating with NYSERDA and among the other partners.

Name of Lead Organization: City of Rye

Mailing Address: 1051 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580

The Lead Organization is a: Local Government

Part 2: Partners and Core Team

Provide the names of all members of your Core Team.

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City of Rye:

- Mayor Josh Cohn (Providing campaign guidance)

The City of Rye Sustainability Committee:

- James Ward, Vice Chair, (Project Manager, Coordinating Outreach & Marketing Efforts)
- Patti Capparelli, Chair, (Community Outreach)
- Pamela Haas, Member, (marketing)

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GridRewards is a free program that empowers eligible energy users - renters, homeowners, small businesses - in Westchester County to receive cash rewards from participating in Con Edison's demand response programs, while also digitally assisting participants to reduce their monthly energy bill and make an overall positive environmental impact through the reduction of their energy usage and carbon footprint. GridRewards was awarded the Consumer Technology Association's Consumer Electronics Show (CES) Innovation Award in 2021.

GridRewards provides a powerful incentive for energy saving actions by sharing demand response revenues with the energy users who performed them. When a household's energy saving action earns revenue, it is logged through SmartKit AI and paid out in the form of a check to the participant. Cash is distributed to participants before the end of the calendar year. While each participant is encouraged to reduce as much energy as possible during demand response events, there are no penalties for opting out of an event.

The ubiquity of smart thermostats makes performance easier than ever – raising cooling setpoints by four degrees for a handful of 1-6 hour periods in the summer can earn participants significant money — a payout of up to 15% of the total

annual Con Edison electricity bill. Homes, apartments, restaurants, retail centers, offices and other energy consumers are all invited to participate. Participants can enroll online by downloading a phone app in minutes through the authorization and onboarding steps. The app provides approximately 21 hours advance notice prior to an “event” and gives guidance as to how a participant can reduce electricity usage during that event of peak grid energy use. Anyone with an eligible Con Edison account can be guided through the simple screens and digital prompts to learn more and sign up.

Beyond raising temperatures, additional activities could include dimming lights, avoiding electric hot water heating and shifting dishwashing and laundry activities to a later time of day. With zero investment in hardware or equipment of any sort, customers can easily take these actions and watch their energy usage drop on the app, translating these behaviors into savings and payouts with real-time transparency. The GridRewards program is timely for Westchester County residents stuck at home under the state’s COVID-19 restrictions and looking for ways to reduce rising utility bills. It’s also a way for Logical Buildings to gain load-reduction capacity in the residential sector, which is seeing electricity usage rising even as New York City’s locked-down commercial sector’s demand is falling. The aim of demand response is to make the grid more efficient by lowering the peak demand and, as a consequence, contribute to a lesser need for Peak plants. These Peaker plants, running only a few hours a year, generate exorbitant unhealthy emissions and are often located in disadvantaged communities. By curbing electric usage during high-demand periods, participants help maintain electric system reliability in the community.

GridRewards leverages new Con Edison smart meters as the data backbone for Logical Buildings’ mobile app SmartKit AI, which encourages thousands of Westchester homeowners to perform simple energy efficiency activities in unison. Logical Buildings is a smart building technology software developer, IoT and DER systems integrator and smart building services provider. Integration of Logical Buildings’ products and services in large multifamily, commercial, industrial, and manufacturing properties materially reduces operating expenses, generates revenue from existing mechanical equipment, enables wireless connectivity, and improves building operations/fault detection/resiliency. The SmartKit AI software platforms are currently contracted to serve more than 200 million square feet. The platforms were built by energy and telecommunication systems engineers and Logical Buildings – owners and developers of more than \$10 billion of multifamily and mixed-use properties.

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| Launch Event | Date: March 24, 2021 |
| Public Outreach & Education Events | Date: See details in following pages |
| Participant Sign-Up Deadline | Date: May 1, 2021 - the deadline to sign up for GridRewards and receive the partial potential benefit of the summer season. |
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Events – Residential

Consider community calendars; workshops at libraries, lunch & learns, upcoming community events, etc. and list campaign events

| Completed? (X) | Event and Venue (List events) | Date / Time | Result (number of attendees) | Notes | Assign roles |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Virtual Demand Response Information Session | Late March | 50+ | Combined Community Campaign | Town of Rye, Port Chester, Rye Brook, Rye City and Sustainable Westchester |
| | Virtual Demand Response Information Session | March or Early April | 50+ | Combined Community Campaign | Town of Rye, Port Chester, Rye Brook, Rye City and Sustainable Westchester |

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| | Virtual Demand Response Information Session | Mid April | 50+ | Combined Community Campaign | Combined Community Town/City Hall and Sustainable Westchester Earth Day Event |
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Events – Commercial

Consider Lunch & Learns at employers, Green Building Associations or business energy events, Technology councils or Chamber of Businesses and list campaign events.

| Completed? (X) | Event and Venue (List events) | Date / Time | Result (# of attendees) | Notes | Assign roles |
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| The City of Rye does not intend to host designated events for commercial entities at this time. All community solar events, and most community solar communications will note that religious institutions are eligible and that nonprofits, social service organizations, and small businesses may be deemed eligible after a review of the respective entity’s utility bills. | | | | | |

Partner Organization Outreach

Consider which partner organizations will help spread your message i.e. volunteer committee, environmental clubs and organizations, faith communities, Boys / Girls Scouts, Rotary Clubs, schools, etc.

| Name | Date | Item | Who / Contact Info | Social Media Addresses |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The City of Rye | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Noga Ruttenberg, Assistant to the City Manager nruttenberg@ryeny.gov | @cityofrye - Instagram |
| Sustainable Westchester | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Nina Orville, Director of Solar Programs (incoming Executive Director) nina@sustainablewestchester.org Carmen Santos, Manager, Solar Programs carmen@sustainablewestchester.org Claire Kokoska , Community Solar Manager claire@sustainablewestchester.org | @sustainablewestchester |
| Town of Rye Sustainability | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Pamela Jaffee, Chair of Town of Rye Sustainability Committee pjaffee@townofryeny.com | |
| Port Chester Sustainability | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | | |

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| Rye Brook Sustainability | Throughout campaign | Campaign Partner | Alex Marshall, Assistant to the Village Administrator, Rye Brook, Afrank@ryebrook.org | |
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E-Newsletters

Consider spreading your message through a municipal email newsletter or through email newsletters of a partner organization, homeowner associations, etc.

| Name | Date | Item | Who | Completed? |
|--------------------------------------------|------|------|-----|------------|
| Sustainable Westchester Email Listing | TBD | | | |
| Rye Sustainability Committee Email Listing | TBD | | | |

Local Media

Consider issuing a press release and conducting outreach to print, radio, online publications and social media; identify local reporters that cover business, neighborhood / community interest, home and garden, and environment.

| Outlet | Date | Story | Who | Completed? |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Next Door | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |
| Patch | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |
| LoHud | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |
| Rye Record | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |
| MyRye.com | Other Press to follow after the announcement of the campaign. | Press Release Announcing Partnership | Rye Sustainability Committee upon coordination with the appropriate person | |

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Websites

Identify websites that will host information about your campaign or events.

| Name | Date | Item | Who | Completed? |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|---------|------------------|------------|
| The City of Rye Sustainability Committee Website | TBD | Webpage | Patti Capparelli | |
| Sustainable Westchester Website | TBD | Webpage | Maria Genovesi | |
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Social Media

Identify social media to post information about your campaign or events.

| Site | Dates | Who / What Posted | Completed? |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| The City of Rye Sustainability Committee Facebook Page | Throughout the campaign | will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| Sustainable Westchester Facebook and Instagram | Throughout the campaign | will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| The City of Rye Sustainability Committee Instagram Account | Throughout the campaign | will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| Rye Moms Facebook Page | Throughout the campaign | will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |
| 10580 Facebook Page | Throughout the campaign | will post announcements and status updates concerning the campaign | |

Flyers / Banners / Mailings

Identify opportunities to use Flyers / Banners / Mailings to spread the word about your campaign or events.

| What | Where Placed | When | Who is Responsible? |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Flyers | Rye Free Reading Room | Throughout campaign | SW generated Flyer, The City of Rye Sustainability |

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| | | | Committee to distribute |
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Tabling

Identify opportunities to use tabling to spread the word about your campaign or events.

| What | Where | When | Who is Responsible? |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Farmers Markets | Rye | Spring 2021 when open to community vendors again (post-COVID) | Rye Sustainability Committee Project Team |
| Earth Day Celebrations | | | |

Estimated Budget for Campaign Marketing and Outreach

| Expense | Estimated Cost \$ |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Marketing Flyer | Sustainable Westchester will design these materials. |
| Staff Hours | To be covered by municipality, or each participating organization, respectively. |

If you have any questions or require additional information, please send an email to cec@nyserda.ny.gov and someone will get back to you.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

DATE: April 7, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Retroactive consideration of a request by Christ's Church for use of City streets on Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a socially distanced, outdoor Easter Sunday Mass.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

RYE CITY CODE,

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SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the request from Christ's Church.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: Christ's Church is requesting use of Rectory streets for their outdoor Easter Mass to accommodate churchgoers during the pandemic. The Church is asking that traffic be restricted on Rectory Street on Sunday, April 4, 2021 from 8 am – 12 pm.

See attached request COI.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
6/18/2020

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).


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| PRODUCER The Church Insurance Agency Corp 210 South St, Ste 2 Bennington, VT 05201-2894 | | CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): E-MAIL ADDRESS: | | FAX (A/C, No): | |
| | | INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE | | | NAIC # |
| INSURED Christs Church Rectory St Rye, NY 10580-3817 | | INSURER A: Church Ins Co of Vermont | | | 10669V |
| | | INSURER B: | | | |
| | | INSURER C: | | | |
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COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
See attached page.

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| CERTIFICATE HOLDER City of Rye 1051 Boston Post Rd Rye, NY 10580-2945 | CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  |
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS -

**Christs Church
Rectory St
Rye, NY 10580-3817**

**City of Rye
1051 Boston Post Rd
Rye, NY 10580-2945**

All operations of the named insured including BBQ to be held 9/13/20 in connection with which the certificate holder is named as an additional insured but only in connection with the actions of the named insured.

CANCELLATION: THE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO THE PREMIUMS, FORMS, AND RULES IN EFFECT FOR EACH POLICY PERIOD. SHOULD THE POLICY BE TERMINATED, THE COMPANY WILL ENDEAVOR TO GIVE THE ADDITIONAL INTEREST IDENTIFIED 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE, AND WILL SEND NOTIFICATION OF ANY CHANGES TO THE POLICY THAT WOULD EFFECT THAT INTEREST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS OR REQUIRED BY LAW.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request by Amanda Yannette of the National Clothesline Project in Rye to host an event on the Village Green on April 10, 2021 from 12 – 4 pm in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month focused on empowering and supporting survivors, while also raising awareness about sexual assault and interpersonal violence. T-shirts hang shoulder-to-shoulder on a clothesline, fence, rope, etc. Each color shirt represents a different crime, ranging from sexual assault to domestic violence to assault based on race or sexual orientation.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

**RYE CITY CODE,
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SECTION**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council grant the request

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The National Clothesline Project is an event focused on empowering and supporting survivors, while also raising awareness about sexual assault and interpersonal violence. T-shirts hang shoulder-to-shoulder on a clothesline, fence, rope, etc. Each color shirt represents a different crime, ranging from sexual assault to domestic violence to assault based on race or sexual orientation. Typically, survivors and people that support survivors make t-shirts and write or draw whatever they want. See attached sample display.

It is a passive "event", **NOT** a gathering, protest, or rally. It is a small art display for people to come by and quietly look at/read the writing on the t-shirts.

These projects take place across the country in different communities and on different school campuses.





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2021

CONTACT: Greg Usry, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from Monty Gerrish at Milton Point Provisions to use the City parking lot on Milton Rd, "The Lane", Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm to host an outdoor movie, "BIG". A maximum of 50 people will be allowed to attend and COVID restrictions will be followed. There is no charge for admissions.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 7, 2021

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve this request.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

See attached request.

From: [Monty Gerrish](#)
To: [Ruttenberg, Noga P.](#)
Subject: Fwd: April Movie Night
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:53:56 PM

Hi Noga!

Here are our ideas below Similar to this Fall's movie night

Saturday April 24th. Rain Date Sunday 25th

Parking lot shut down by 5pm

50 ppl

Each family will have a marked off zone in which to set up their own chairs/blankets etc

We will be serving food and drinks from our kitchen and taking orders to be brought out to each family

We have the same movie projector and plan to set up in same spot on our patio

Movie viewing time depends on darkness but somewhere around 7pm.

No Charge for the event

6pm arrival. 9:30 departure

Movie. -BIG