

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 State Route 295, Chatham, NY 12037

Town Board Meeting Tentative Agenda
Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 6:30PM

This Meeting is IN PERSON (Town Hall) For Board Members With the Exception of the Occurrence of Extraordinary Circumstances

IN PERSON and VIRTUAL for the Public

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- **RECORDING NOTICE**
- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- **SEQRA PROCESS for Local Law #1-2024: Grievance Day Establishment Law**

- **Resolution #84 -2024: To Declare the Town Board of the Town of Chatham Lead Agency for SEQRA Review**

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that it is necessary to adopt a local law Establishing Grievance Day , and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to complete the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) process, and

WHEREAS, a Lead Agency must be chosen to conduct the SEQRA process as a necessary step in the adoption of the Local Law,.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the SEQRA process of Local Law #1 of 2024

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

- **SEQRA Forms (attached)**
- **Resolution #85-2024: To make a Negative Declaration for SEQRA**

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that it is necessary to adopt a local law establishing a change in the grievance day, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to complete the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) process, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously declared itself as Lead Agency for such review and has conducted a close look at all potential environmental issues and found none.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby makes a Negative Declaration for SEQRA process and determines that will not be any substantial potential negative impacts to the environment as a result of the enactment of the local law.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

➤ **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law #1-2024: Grievance Day Establishment Law**

- **GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING COMMENTS AT PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - The order of speakers will be chosen randomly, each speaker is allowed 3 minutes
 - Speakers may not cede their speaking time to others
 - Speakers are not to read from letters that they have already submitted and which are attached to the agenda

- **READING OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:**

TOWN OF CHATHAM

Columbia County, New York

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1-24

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at 6:30pm on February 15, 2024 at the Town Hall, 488 State Route 295, Chatham, NY. The purpose of this public hearing is to accept public comment on a **Local Law to Establish Grievance Day**.

- Copy of the proposed local law is available in the Town Clerk's office and at chathamnewyork.us. All interested parties will be heard at the time and place specified.

By order of the Town Board,
Beth Anne Rippel, Town Clerk
January 18, 2024

- READING OF PROPOSED LAW #1-2024: Grievance Day Establishment Law

TOWN OF CHATHAM

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024

GRIEVANCE DAY ESTABLISHMENT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM

SECTION 1. TITLE AND PURPOSE

This Local Law of the Town of Chatham, Columbia County, New York shall be known as the “Grievance Day Establishment Law.”

The purpose of this Local Law is to establish the day for hearing by the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Chatham of grievances addressed to real property tax assessments on an alternate date as permitted by Real Property Tax Law §512 (1-a).

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY AND DURATION

This local law shall be applicable to all grievances addressed to assessment of lands within the Town of Chatham and shall be in effect indefinitely or until modified or repealed by the Town Board of the Town of Chatham.

SECTION 3. GRIEVANCE DAY

All grievances addressed to assessments of real property within the Town of Chatham shall be heard by the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Chatham on the fourth Tuesday of May of each year.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

- OPEN TO PUBLIC HEARING
- MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

➤ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Special Town Board Meeting 2/29/2024
2. Chatham Fire Department Fish Fry Begins February 16 through March 29, 2024
3. CCSWD Tree and Shrub Sale
4. Electric Car Campaign kick off meeting: February 24, 2024 at 3:00 PM, North Chatham Library
5. Free Store Success-
 - a. Tangible Goods coming and going
 - i. 118 New Followers on FB (1149 total)
 - ii. Post reached 17,772

➤ **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Chatham | Re: Requested Resignation |
| 2. East Chatham | Re: Street Lighting |
| 3. East Chatham | Re: Radar Devices |
| 4. Chatham | Re: Pro Housing Community |
| 5. Hudson | Re: 11 Warren Street |
| 6. Hudson | Re: 11 Warren Street |
| 7. Chatham | Re: Recommended Board Candidate |

➤ **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Broadband and Cellular Service Committee- (Councilwoman Hallenbeck/Councilman Werwaiss)
2. CAP (Chatham Agricultural Partnership)- (Supervisor Collins)
3. Climate Smart/Action Task Force Committee- (Councilman Eaton)
4. Communications Committee- (Councilman Wapner)
5. Finance & Planning Committee- (Supervisor Collins)
6. Housing Committee- (Councilwoman Hallenbeck)
7. Parks & Recreation Committee- (Councilman Wapner)
8. Grants Appropriations Committee- (Supervisor Collins)
9. CAC- (Councilman Werwaiss)
10. Invasive Species Awareness Committee- (Abi Mesick)
11. Traffic Safety Working Group- (Councilwoman Hallenbeck/Councilman Wapner)
12. Zoning Update Committee- (Councilman Eaton/Councilwoman Hallenbeck)
13. Town & County (Supervisor Collins)

➤ **REPORTS ON FILE:**

1. Assessor
2. Code Enforcement/Building Inspector
3. Dog Control
4. Environmental Mgt Council
5. Finance Department
6. Highway Department
7. Justice Court
8. Office of the Aging Advisory Board
9. Recreation Director
10. Supervisor's Report
11. Town Clerk

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Communication between Town Board Members
- 2. Supervisor Responsibilities w.r.t Organizational Resolution
- 3. Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Arrays- Draft Local Law
- 4. Alternate Positions for Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board-Draft Local Law
- 5. Pro-Housing Community Program Enrollment

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Seasonal Parking Restrictions
- 2. No Parking on One-Way Streets
- 3. Village of Chatham Police Department- Patrols in the Town
- 4. Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act- LGU support

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT**

➤ **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. **Resolution#86-24: To Approve the Town Board Minutes.**

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board approves the Town Board Minutes for January 2, 2024 and January 18, 2023.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE: _____ NAY: _____

- 2. **Resolution#87-24: To Accept the Town Accountant’s Financial Supervisor’s Report.**

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board accepts the Town Accountant’s Financial Supervisor Report for January, 2024.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE: _____ NAY: _____

- 3. **Resolution#88 -24: To Accept the Financial Abstract as presented to pay the Town Bills.**

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board accepts the Financial Abstract #2-2024 and #15-2023 as presented to pay the Town Bills.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE: _____ NAY: _____

4. **Resolution#89-24: To appoint a member to the Planning Board**

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has a vacancy to fill a 2020-2026 term, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chatham Town Board appoints **Lisa Simonetti** to serve out the term from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, effective immediately.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

5. **Resolution#90-24: To Appoint an alternate member to the Planning Board.**

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2007 the Town Board of the Town of Chatham adopted L.L. No. 5-2007, establishing positions of alternate members of the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, the appointment of an alternate member to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals is to serve in cases where a conflict of interest will prevent a regular member from participating, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham appoints **Adrienne Dowd** to be an alternate member of the Planning Board starting immediately without remuneration for 2024.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

6. **Resolution# 91-24 To Appoint a Member to the Chatham Agricultural Partnership Committee (CAP)**

WHEREAS, the Chatham Agricultural Partnership Committee wishes to add a new member to its committee, and

WHEREAS, Jason Brown was nominated by the Chatham Agricultural Partnership, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Chatham Town Board hereby appoints **Jason Brown** to the Chatham Agricultural Partnership Committee.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

7. Resolution# 92-24: To Adopt the Pro-Housing Community Pledge

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities; and

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future

residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Chatham, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

8. **Resolution#93-24:** To Appoint Adopt LL 1 of 2024 To Establish Grievance Day on the Fourth Tuesday of May

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board is considering Local Law 1 of 2024 to Establish Grievance Day on the Fourth Tuesday of May, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held February 15, 2024 at 6:35PM for the enactment of said local law, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby approves the adoption of proposed Local Law entitled Local Law 1 of the year 2024, a local law to establish Grievance Day on the Fourth Tuesday of May.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

9. **Resolution#94-24:** To Appoint a Member to the Zoning Update Committee

WHEREAS, the Zoning Update Committee wishes to add a new member to its committee, and

WHEREAS, Bart Thibadeau was nominated by the Zoning Update Committee, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Chatham Town Board hereby appoints **Bart Thibadeau** to the Zoning Update Committee.

Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT**

➤ **MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

PUBLIC HEARING

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The kick-off meeting for our electric car campaign has been scheduled at the North Chatham Library. It will be an informal information session with Ray Carbone of Kinderhook Toyota answering questions. (See below for info)

We'll have refreshments and handouts, etc. Please feel free to send this info to whomever to publicize.

The campaign involves tracking how many EVs are sold to people living in Chatham, and after 5 the Committee gets \$5,000. Attached is a flyer that we will copy and distribute.

Let me know if you have any questions, or any suggestions about publicizing even.

Thanks,
Lisa

EV-curious?

Come to an information session about Electric Vehicles (electric and plug-in hybrids) at the North Chatham Library. Bring your questions about charging, tax credits, and local infrastructure.

Saturday, February 24th
3:00 pm

Sponsored by the Chatham Climate Smart Task Force

DO YOU:

LIVE IN CHATHAM?

HAVE A NEW EV?



If your vehicle was purchased after February 1, 2024, you can help the Town of Chatham receive \$5,000 in grant funds from NYSERDA for its own green energy projects, including more infrastructure to support local vehicles!

If your vehicle doesn't qualify, please share with friends or neighbors in Chatham who are considering the purchase of a new EV or plug-in hybrid!

GET IN TOUCH HERE:



Open your phone's camera, hover over the QR Code and then follow link.

Brought to you by the
Chatham Climate Smart
Action Task Force



Climate Smart
Communities
Certified Bronze

DESIGNED BY SUSANNE LAMB

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN OF CHATHAM
LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2024
LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A TEMPORARY TOWN-WIDE SIX-MONTH
MORATORIUM ON SOLAR ENERGY ARRAYS

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Chatham as follows:

Section 1. Title.

This Local Law shall be referred to as the “Local Law Imposing a Town-Wide Temporary Six-Month Moratorium.”

Section 2. Purpose and Intent.

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Chatham by the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, to regulate and control land use, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town Board hereby declares a temporary six (6) month town-wide moratorium on the review and/or approval of any new or existing Site Plan Approval Applications for a Solar Energy Array.

The Town of Chatham does not currently have site plan review or other similar land use regulations relating to solar energy arrays. Further, the Town has recently adopted a new Comprehensive Plan which addresses the regulation of solar energy arrays and has appointed a committee to review, draft and recommend a new zoning and possibly other laws regulating such projects for adoption by the Town Board. The Committee will focus on the importance of protecting, revitalizing and maintaining the Town and encourage smart development which would be an integral part of the Town’s economic growth.

The Town Board finds and determines that based upon recent activities, applications and/or inquiries currently before the Town relating to solar energy arrays and based upon the opinion of the Attorney for the Town such applications and/or inquiries, if approved, could have a deleterious effect on Town’s aforementioned efforts.

The Town Board further finds and determines that it needs the period of time covered by the moratorium imposed herein in order to carefully complete the adoption of a new local law, schedule and hold the required public hearing on either amendments to existing Local Laws or the enactment of new Local Laws, perform the appropriate environmental reviews thereof, comply with applicable provisions of law, adopt the Local Law(s), and file the same with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

Section 3. Scope of Controls.

- A. During the effective period of this Local Law, the Town Board and/or any other municipal body, including but not limited to the Planning Board and the Building Department, shall not begin or continue to review applications for or grant any approvals relating to a Solar Energy Array within the Town.
- B. No new or existing applications for a Solar Energy Array in the Town shall be considered by any board, officer or agency of the Town while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.
- C. The Town Board reserves the right to direct the Town Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Enforcement Officer to revoke or rescind any Building Permits or Certificates of Occupancy issued in violation of this Local Law.

D. Definitions. For the purposes of this local law, all terms utilized herein shall be defined in accordance with the NYS Town Law.

E. Applications for small roof or ground mounted solar arrays pursuant to the Town's Unified Solar Permit shall be exempt from this law.

Section 4. Term.

The moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Local Law. The Town Board reserves the right to enact subsequent short-term periodic moratoria in the future, in the event it determines that such subsequent local laws or extensions are necessary and in the public's interest. The Board reserves the right to terminate this moratorium prior to the end of the six (6) month period in the event that the new land use laws and/or revisions are enacted before such expiration.

Section 5. Hardship.

A. Should any owner of property affected by this Local Law suffer an unnecessary hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this Local Law, then the owner of said property may apply to the Town Board of the Town in writing for a variance from strict compliance with this Local Law upon submission of proof of such unnecessary hardship for a legally operating use. For the purposes of this Local Law, unnecessary hardship shall not be the mere delay or normal financial loss in being permitted to make an application or waiting for a decision on the application for a permit during the period of the moratorium imposed by this Local Law.

B. Procedure. Upon submission of a written application to the Town Clerk by the property owner seeking a variance from this Local Law, the Town Board shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of said application, schedule a Public Hearing on said application upon five (5) days' written notice in the official newspaper of the Town. At said Public Hearing, the property owner and any other parties wishing to present evidence with regard to the application shall have an opportunity to be heard, and the Town Board shall, within fifteen (15) days of the close of said Public Hearing, render its decision either granting or denying the application for a variance from the strict requirements of this Local Law. If the Town Board determines that a property owner will suffer an unnecessary hardship if this Local Law is strictly applied to a particular property, then the Town Board shall grant a variance of the application of this Local Law to a particular property, then the Town Board shall grant a variance of the application of this Local Law to the minimum extent necessary to provide the property owner relief from strict compliance with this Local Law.

C. Supersession. This variance section and the process and procedure of this Local Law supersede the New York State Town Law §267, 267-a and 267-b in accordance with the powers granted in and pursuant to the provisions of §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and §10 of the Statute of Local Governments. It is the intent of the Town Board pursuant to §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, to supersede the provisions of the Town Law set forth above relating to the reviewing body and process and procedure governing the granting of variances.

Section 6. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish or develop any new use which is defined by the Town of Chatham Site Plan Review Law in violation of the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to:

A. Such penalties as may otherwise be provided for in the Town's Site Plan Review Law and by applicable state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations of the Town for violations; and

B. Injunctive relief in favor of the Town to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this Local Law.

Section 7. Validity.

The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2024
ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD**

Section 1. Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board Alternate Members

The Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby creates and is authorized to fill two positions of Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board Alternate 1 and Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board Alternate 2. These individuals shall serve when members are absent or unable to participate, for any reason, on application(s) or matter(s) before the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board.

- (1) Alternate members of the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board shall be appointed for a term of 1 (one) year.
- (2) The position of Alternate 1 shall be the first to be utilized in situations requiring the use of an Alternate and then Alternate 2 shall be used if more than one Alternate is required or if Alternate 1 is unable to perform the required duties.
- (3) All provisions of state law relating to Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law or ordinance relating to training, continuing education, compensation and attendance, shall also apply to alternate members.

Section 2. Authority and Effective Date.

This Local Law is hereby adopted pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law §10 and Statute of Local Governments §10. It is the intent of the Town Board, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10, to supersede the provisions of §271 and §267 of the Town Law relating to the appointment of alternate members to Boards within the Town. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.

Pro-Housing Communities Model Resolution

Any city, town, or village government in New York State can take part in addressing the housing crisis by adopting the Pro-Housing Communities pledge. The resolution must be adopted as written below by the highest body of elected officials (e.g., town board or council). The final resolution document must include a signature from the municipal clerk verifying the authenticity of the resolution and indicating the date of passage. Local governments should then designate a primary contact person to complete the online registration form and upload the resolution as part of their submission to the Pro-Housing Communities program by following the steps at [new HCR website section].

RESOLUTION No: [INSERT RESOLUTION NUMBER]

[Member of highest body of elected officials] _____ moved and [other member of highest body of elected officials] _____ seconded that

WHEREAS, the City/Town/Village of _____ (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that City/Town/Village of _____, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.

4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

RESOLUTION# 91-2024: To Adopt the Pro-Housing Community Pledge

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Offered by: _____, seconded motion: _____

VOTE: AYE:

NAY:



Donal Collins
Supervisor

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Town Board

Angus Eaton
Destiny Hallenbeck
John Wapner
Rick Werwaiss

January 30, 2024

Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas
New York State Homes and Community Renewal
641 Lexington Ave
New York, New York 10022

Dear Commissioner Visnauskas,

I am writing to express the Town of Chatham's intent to be included in the New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Pro-Housing Community Program.

The Town of Chatham has experienced significant housing cost increases that have made the area prohibitively costly for our workforce. As our communities are largely rural, existing water and infrastructure systems are limited in availability and scale. Our communities' senior populations continue to grow, many of whom would like to "downsize" from their larger single-family properties.

The Town wishes to explore a myriad of housing configurations that will address these concerns by providing rurally appropriate, affordable housing options for our workforce, young families and downsizing senior populations.

We hope that the Office of Homes and Community Renewal will fully support us in our pursuit to be recognized as a Pro Housing Community.

Sincerely,

Donal Collins

Town Supervisor
Town of Chatham

NEW BUSINESS

EXAMPLE OF SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

Town of Ghent: Seasonal Parking restrictions

No Parking November 1- April 15

A. No motor vehicle may be parked on or along a Town highway, within the legal right-of-way of such highway, including the shoulder thereof, during the period November 1 of each year through April 15 of the following year.

B. The owner or operator of any motor vehicle that is parked on or along a Town highway, right-of-way or shoulder of such Town highway in violation of this article shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$350 for each such violation. For the purposes of this article, each day shall constitute a separate violation.

C. The Town Superintendent of Highways shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed by towing any motor vehicle parked on or along a Town highway, right-of-way or shoulder of such highway in violation of this article. The owner of such motor vehicle will be liable for payment to the Town of Ghent of a towing fine in the amount of \$150. Such towing fine shall be in addition to the penalty for any violation of this article as set forth in Subsection **B** above.

Chapter 108. Vehicles and Traffic

Article VI. Schedules

§ 108-29. Schedule IX: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

In accordance with the provisions of § **108-13**, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts thereof:

Name of Street	Side	Location
County Route 32 [Repealed 1-15-2009 by L.L. No. 1-2009]		
Depot Street [Repealed 1-15-2009 by L.L. No. 1-2009]		
Frisbee Street	Both	For a distance of 50 feet from either corner of the East Chatham Firehouse

Town of Chatham

RESOLUTION NO: xx-2024

Support for the New York State Assembly and Senate to Pass a Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (A.5322-A/S.4246-A) and Expand the State's Bottle Bill (A.6353/S.237-B)

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State, and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, some packaging is not recyclable and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not readily available, and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution including litter and use of toxic chemicals, and

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should help bear the costs of packaging waste, not just taxpayers and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, as drafted in the New York Assembly A.5322-A and the New York Senate S.4246-A, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act should work in tandem with and supplement New York State's Returnable Container Act, and

WHEREAS, New York's Returnable Container Act should be modernized to reflect an expanded market of beverages, and the deposit on beverage containers should be increased to 10 cents.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Chatham urges the New York State Legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act A5322-A/S4246-A, and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill A.6353/S.237-B, and

RESOLVED, further, That the Town of Chatham shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Assembly Speaker and New York State Senate Majority Leader, the local state assemblymember, the local state senator, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

3-07-2024

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- Whereas,** Packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State; and
- Whereas,** Managing packaging waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and
- Whereas,** Some packaging is not recyclable or reusable, and refillable packaging systems are not readily available; and
- Whereas,** Plastic causes serious pollution including litter and the use of toxic chemicals; and
- Whereas,** Companies that produce packaging should help bear the costs of packaging waste, not place the responsibility solely on taxpayers; and
- Whereas,** Enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, as drafted in the New York Assembly A.5322-A and the New York Senate S.4246-A, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Whereas,** The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act should work in tandem with and supplement New York State's Returnable Container Act; and
- Whereas,** New York's Returnable Container Act should be modernized to reflect an expanded market of beverages, and the deposit on beverage containers should be increased to 10 cents; now, therefore be it
- Resolved,** That the Albany County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature to pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act A5322-A/S4246-A, and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill A.6353/S.237-B.

In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the County Legislature of Albany County to be affixed on this 11th day of December 2023.



Hon. Samuel Fein
Albany County Legislature



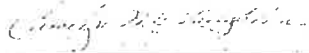
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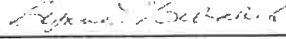
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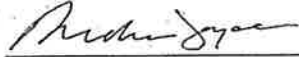
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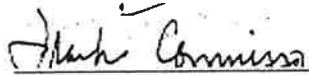
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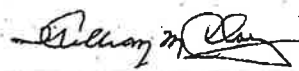
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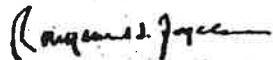
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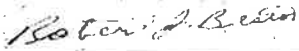
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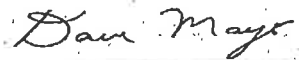
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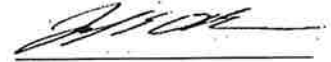
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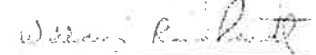
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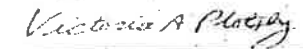
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