

**VILLAGE OF TIVOLI BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2018**

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on March 21, 2018 at the Historic Watts DePeyster Hall, Tivoli, NY. Mayor Griffith opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Griffith, Deputy Mayor Majer, Trustee Schneider

Absent: Trustee Ezrati, Trustee Murphy

Media: PANDA TV

Public: Brendon Chorney, Daniel J. Huber, William Haggerty, Thomas Stein, Brett V., Steven Young, Thomas Crisci, Sr.

The Mayor asked all present at the meeting to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk's report included:

- Sale of 238 trash tags
- Two payrolls were processed
- Deputy Clerk attended one Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
- Clerk Bruno provided the Clerk's Report, along with stated her intentions to join the Tivoli Free Library Board of Trustees, and the Tivoli Fire Department as an Associate Member and Fire Police. She explained she was approached by each organization, she intends to pursue these positions within each organization, and also intends to pursue other professional employment plans in the very near future.

On a motion by Trustee Schneider, seconded by Deputy Mayor Majer, the minutes for the February 21 public hearing and February 21 regular board meeting, and March 14 workshop were approved, all in favor.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Majer, and seconded by Trustee Schneider, the Treasurer's Report for Abstract #10 totaling \$29,608.07 was approved. Trustee Schneider moved that the bills be paid for the abstract as presented and Deputy Mayor Majer seconded the motion, all in favor.

Zoning Report

Trustee Schneider presented the Zoning Report which was provided by John Fenton, Building Inspector, and Zoning Enforcement Officer; Building Permits, Inspections, and Violations were addressed.

Mayor Griffith summarized the agenda and opened the meeting for public comments on agenda items only. There were no public comments.

The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Historic Watts dePeyster Hall. The workshop will be held at 6:00pm before the meeting. There will be a

workshop on April 11, 2018 at the Historic Watts DePeyster Hall at 7:00 pm.

RESOLUTION #11; Approve Budget Modifications, motion made by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Schneider; all in favor.

Village Election Results were provided: See Attached

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ezrati

Mayor Griffith read the water/sewer report. He spoke about the water main breaks, and how close together they were.

Water/Sewer:

Well Report

Water Quality Report

- Two water samples taken each month
- No violations
- Testing every month
- Two different locations are tested monthly; water quality met standards

The water tower maintained appropriate height and pressure.

Trustee Schneider

- Court Report: \$ 1,459.00 was remitted to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Trustee Murphy

Mayor Griffith stated Trustee Murphy is gathering interest for the Tivoli Rec Camp.

Deputy Mayor Majer

- RE: Library Events; Please See Attached
April 20, 2018 – Community Pot Luck
April 21, 2018 – Sheep and Wood, Clermont
Mason's Breakfasts; 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mayor Griffith

There are 4 plots available in the Tivoli Community Garden; 8' X 12' plot; \$30.00.

Public Comment

Brendon Chorney read a statement; a letter which is part of the minutes. He is looking to have the comment period extended.

Thomas Stein read statements which were excerpts from previous laws. Brett stated there have not been civilian interaction/deaths.

Steven Young spoke of the recent activities of Amtrak. He brought to light the “disrespect” that Amtrak seems to be showing toward the Village, as the owner of the property along with waters edge.

Potential Ferry Service was mentioned and indicates the present actions of Amtrak are solely against pedestrians and autos accessing the river. It is preposterous, and support is echoed by the present population.

Mayor Griffith read the letter provided by Varlaro. This letter is part of the minutes.

Mayor Griffith stated he will request a clear picture, and request someone from Amtrak walk along the banks of Tivoli.

Brendon spoke about the equipment required for striper fishing, and how walking with the equipment is difficult.

Mayor Griffith indicated a presentation will be requested of Amtrak. Information regarding how high the fence will be, what it will be made of, and exactly where it will be will be questions given. Mayor Griffith spoke of Amtrak and the issue with the electrical box being in the wrong place.

Mayor Griffith also stated how the fence would potentially interfere with emergency services and responses. It was brought up again about the comment period be extended. It appears to be an unreasonable amount of time for people to respond to this issue and the closure of the waterfront access.

Mayor Griffith read the Scenic Hudson/River Keeper letter which was received. This letter is part of the minutes.

Brendon spoke of the incident in 1985 where people were chasing and racing trains, and that was the only incident.

Brett asked how the fencing would impact wildlife. He feels there are many reasons to resist this.

Tom Crisco, Sr. spoke of how the access for the fire department is critical. Emergency responders need access to the waterfront to respond to fire and rescue calls. Having a fence will make it difficult.

Mayor Griffith mentioned the Garbage Can Law is in effect and ticketing has commenced. Your trash can will need to be taken back from the roads and sidewalks within the allotted timeframe.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place March 31, 2018, 2:00 PM.

There is a No Open Burning in effect until May 15, 2018.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Majer and seconded by Trustee Schneider, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Bruno
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF TIVOLI
VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018
7:00 PM

Recent Events:

Yesterday, Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Tivoli Firehouse
Village Elections Were Held
(Election Results Will Be Read During the Meeting)

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, March 31, 2018; 2:00 PM Tivoli Firehouse; The Annual Children's Egg Hunt and
Activities

Clerk's Report:

238 Trash Tags Sold

2 Payrolls Processed

Deputy Clerk Attended 1 ZBA Meeting; and, this meeting consisted of two public hearings for
variances for the ZBA to address

As additional notes and information, as the present Village Clerk, it is my professional
responsibility to notify the Village Board of any particular activity or activities that I undertake
while maintaining the Village Clerk's position. I have been approached by individuals who
sought my interest level in joining the Tivoli Free Library Board. I have decided I would like to
join their Board, and intend to confirm my high level of interest by in joining them at their next
meeting which is next week, Wednesday, March 28, 2018 to accept my nomination. Along with
the Library, I have submitted my application to the Tivoli Fire Department; I intend to pursue
personal membership with them. I am pleased to be potentially joining both of these fine
organizations, and I look forward to personally contributing to both.

So, this is just a little more to keep me busy. I am putting other future professional plans into
motion, and intend to participate in various personal pursuits.

VILLAGE OF TIVOLI
ELECTION RESULTS
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

59 TOTAL VOTES
(7% of Eligible Voters)

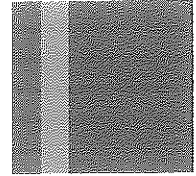
Emily M. Majer 57 Votes
Jeanann Schneider 56 Votes

0 Absentee Ballots

1 Write -- In Vote Andrea Rhodes
1 Write -- In Vote Michael Rhodes

1 Disqualified Ballot; Ballot was Defaced

Village of Tivoli
Board Of Trustees
Speech against Amtrak Gating and fencing



3/21/18

Good Evening, My name is Brendon Chorney and I am here tonight to address The Gating and Fencing Proposal by Amtrak that will close the access road that runs along the west side of the Railroad Tracks from Tivoli To Cheviot.

I have been a Tivoli Resident all my life. In my short 33 years on this earth and in this Village there has always been a constant here, and that's our love and access to the Hudson River!! This small village was built around the River. It is part of our local heritage. As proposed, Amtrak is trying to gate and Fence every Railroad crossing from Rhinecliff to Stuyvesant.. Simply put... We as a community Can Not allow this happen.

As Requested at another town meeting and using that as a guideline. I request Amtrak make a formal Presentation to the Village of Tivoli and its residents giving specific details of its intentions. Yes a 14 page proposal was given but we the people feel it was blurry, confusing, and the impacts were trivialized. It is pretty clear that Amtrak does not want public comment or discussion and just wanted to fly this under the radar. Public comment ends in 8 days and not half of these village residents have been made aware of this even happening. Next I would like it noted that the 15 day Public comment period was insufficient. As of now comments are due March 29th 2018 at 4PM. Commenting just opened on March 14th 2018... I would like to request a 30day public comment period only after the presentation of the proposed gates and fences.

Attached are 107 physical signatures on a petition against the gates and fences. This petition was Located at Northern Dutchess Archery for 7 days.

This local business and 20year establishment located in the town of Red Hook would greatly suffer from the conservational impacts Imposed by the hindering of our tidal shorelines.



Also attached is an online petition that in just 5 days this petition acquired 1,272 signatures.

These signatures. 1379 combined are opposed to the Gating and Fencing of the Access Road Along the West side of the tracks.

Above you heard me mention the words Conservational impacts. Hunting, Fishing, economical. That's just a few. Every year the herring and Striper fishing run attracts thousands to our shorelines between April and June. Tourists come and spend money in our village, they buy their tackle from Northern Dutchess Archery, food from Murrays or Broadway, and help with the conservation of fish, waterfowl, and so on.

We ask that Mayor Griffith write to Matthew Margaglio Costal Resource Specialist at the Office of Planning and Development. Ask for our above requests. Join our voice in the opposition of the Gates and Fences... Clearly the people you represent are highly opposed to this proposal going through. We hope that you, our elected officials will help us in this fight. Contact your superiors to help. County execs, district assemblyman, and so on up the line Until we Reach GOVERNOR MOLINARO... Thank You!

Dear Mayor & Town Board

I cannot make the town board meeting tonight because I am operating my archery leagues until 8:30. I would like to request that this letter please be read into the minutes of tonight's town board meeting. 3-21-2018

From Joseph Varlaro
Owner of Northern Dutchess Archery LLC.
7375 South Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571
845-758-3651

Subject
Impasse fence proposal public comment period

I would like to state that I am against the impasse fence.
If this proposal goes through it would be extremely detrimental to my business and my personal use of the Hudson River. I own one of the two areas bait & tackle shops. Striper season generates second largest income for us. We supply the majority of the bait & tackle to the fishermen who use these access points. Without it I don't know if we could survive. Striper fishing in the Hudson valley is a multi-million dollar fishery. We may not see it as so because it is spread out along many miles of the Hudson River all the way to the dam in Albany. People come from all over the country & I have met some from other countries who come here to fish the striper run. It's as big if not bigger than the salmon run in Pulaski each year. The trickle down revenue effects many area businesses such as - Delis, Convent stores, pizza shops, gas stations, Even the local hardware store & auto parts wear I send customers to buy the 12 volt batteries they need to power their live wells. It goes much further than just fishing access its access for all who want to enjoy our mighty river. One of greatest natural resources in the Hudson valley. One that I believe is very much taken for granted by those of us who live here & see it day to day.
As our elected officials I am asking you to Pleases help find a way that all Parties can come together and keep the access to river open and safe.

Your support on finding a compromise on this proposal is much needed.

Thank you
Joseph Varlaro



March 19, 2018

Consistency Review Unit
New York State Department of State
Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12231

SUBJECT: F-2018-0060: Amtrak-proposed fences and gates

To whom it may concern:

Scenic Hudson and Riverkeeper have each received numerous phone calls and emails expressing opposition to Amtrak's proposal to install gates and or fences along the railroad right-of way in Rhinebeck (Rhinecliff), Tivoli, Germantown, Stockport and Stuyvesant. As longstanding proponents of expanding public access to the Hudson River, we share their concerns.

Scenic Hudson and Riverkeeper also strongly believe in the public's right to participate in decision-making processes that affect community and individual quality of life — in this case decisions that would reduce public access to the Hudson River and negatively impact viewsheds. Not only is public participation in many instances required, it's simply a good idea because a collaborative planning process can result in practical solutions that resolve conflicts in ways that benefit all parties.

Given the outpouring of public concern and the need for the public to participate meaningfully in this decision-making process, both Scenic Hudson and Riverkeeper believe the 15-day public comment period is partial to the applicant's interest and insufficient for affected stakeholders. Fifteen days is simply not enough time to capture the public's concerns regarding the proposal's impact on the loss of river access and to viewsheds. Public information provided by Amtrak to date is completely inadequate making meaningful public comment impossible. Additionally, we believe that the proposed gate and or fence installations, while part of one application, have very different ramifications at each location, and as such require separate public meetings.

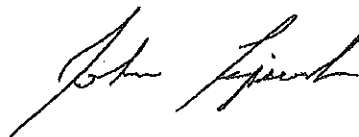
Therefore we request that public information meetings be held in each municipality where gate and/or fence installations are proposed — Rhinecliff, Tivoli, Germantown, Stockport and Stuyvesant. Rail representatives must provide each community with the specific details of all proposed gates and or fences and provide data to justify each project individually. We also request that each meeting should be part of

the official public record with a stenographer recording all public comments. Only upon the conclusion of the final community meeting, should a 30-day comment period begin. This would ensure that everyone interested in this issue has ample opportunity to submit informed written comments to the Department of State.

Thank you for your consideration.



Jeffrey Anzevino
Director of Land Use Advocacy
Scenic Hudson, Inc.



John Lipscomb
Patrol Boat Captain
Vice President for Advocacy
Riverkeeper, Inc.

cc: cr@dos.ny.gov