



1. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Mayor's report.

- Mayor welcomed everyone.
- Had Sunday with the Mayor this past month; the next one will be in February.
- There will be no gathering in December and January, and we will resume in February.
- We are progressing with regard to the Comprehensive Plan for the entire village.
- We did sit down and meet with the Village Planner.
- We have a schedule of different proceedings that will occur.
- If all goes well, the Comprehensive should be completed by December, 2020.
- There is a very specific process as far as hearings, then a break to access, and then hearings and you access some more; so there are various in and outs of how the Planner will negotiate us down this roadway.
- We will be establishing on the Web-site a specific site, just for the Comprehensive Plan, so that if anyone has questions, to see the documents related to it, it will be concentrated on that particular site.
- We will be talking about probably getting a survey out to folks that the Planner will assist us in putting together.
- It started a couple of months ago; according to the Planner, it takes up to about fourteen months of time.
- You can visit the web-site and you can see what the updates are, hearing dates, things of that nature and we will proceed according.

**3. Open Floor: public discussion on Agenda Items only.**

**Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.**

- Regarding Traffic it says it would be looking at the impact from the other projects.
- From the CDRC and The Planning Board there are three; Equestrian Estates, Corporate Commerce Park and Wellington Campus.

**Mayor Presti:**

There are actually five all together.

**Attorney Sevastian:**

**Corporate Commerce Park, Triangle Properties (shopping, these are potentials, there's nothing coming down the pipe yet.**

- But at the end of the day, if there is going to be a true impact study it seems to be a better idea to have a traffic evaluation and everything potentially be in the area.
- Development of mitigation measures and portion of cost between applicants, rather than piece meal one at a time.
- Doesn't mean they cannot do that.
- Some projects may proceed at different paces; at lease everybody would be working together to access impacts and contributing costs.

**Corporate Commerce Park, Wellington schools, potential horse farm, Equestrian and Triangle Properties.**

**Jerry Liebelson, 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Shouldn't the Yeshiva Bias Mitzvah (1,000 students) be included?
- They own the ten-acre property; it abuts the Middle School.
- They did come before the CDRC about three years ago.
- All be by busing; there are no dorms there.
- That would be more than Wellington; a good portion would be dormitories.
- My concern is about the impact on Red Schoolhouse Rd.; is anybody looking to include that?

**Attorney Sevastian:**

- That's not part of what's on here now.
- We can't force the developer to do this..
- In looking at the applications coming in, we reached out to them and said this would make sense.
- You ought to contribute \$75,000 to an Escrow account and let the Village put out an RFP and do a Comprehensive study.  
We can see whom else would fall under the umbrella.

**Mayor Presti:**

- I think the developer who is taking a lead on the developer's agreement has been trying to encompass as much as he can with this.
- Having brought this up, he does have a representative here today.
- They don't have to participate, but would probably be at their peril by not because they would probably have to re-invent the wheel.
- That's a good point.

**Motion to Close the Open Floor public discussion on Agenda Items only.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**SECOND:** Trustee Miller

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items only.**

**4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, October 17, 2019.**

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the Village Board Minutes of October 17, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**SECOND:** Trustee Miller

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the Village Board Minutes of October 17, 2019.**

**5. Public hearing at 8:00 pm to consider a local law to amend the Zoning Code of the Village of Chestnut Ridge (Zoning Code Article III, section 4, entitled “Prohibited Uses”), to prohibit the burial of human remains in the Village except in designated cemeteries.**

**Resolution No. 2019-84:**

Resolution to adopt Local Law # 3 of 2019, to amend the Zoning Code of the Village of Chestnut Ridge, specifically Zoning Code Article III, section 4, entitled “Prohibited Uses”, shall be amended to prohibit the burial of human remains in the Village except in designated cemeteries.

**WHEREAS** the Village Board of the Village of Chestnut Ridge has noticed a Public Hearing with regard to an amendment of the Zoning Code to amended to prohibit the burial of human remains in the Village except in designated cemeteries;

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing on the adoption of these proposed amendments to the Zoning Code was held on November 21, 2019;

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**WHEREAS**, at least 10 days prior to the public hearing referrals of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code were furnished to various parties pursuant to Village Law Section 7-706 (2)(a), (b), (c), (d);

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**WHEREAS**, he Village Board of Trustees had made and published initial SEQRA review of the proposed amendments that the proposed Zoning Code amendment was subject to SEQRA (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][i]) as an “Unlisted Action”.

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees is the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby establishes itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and makes the following findings under NYCRR §617.7[c] with respect to the impact of the of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code and their magnitude:

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village the Board of Trustees, based upon the above findings made under the criteria set forth in NYCRR §617.7[c], the EAF filed relative to the action under consideration, and upon the record pertaining to the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code find and determine that:

- 1) The action taken herein is an Unlisted action subject to the requirements of SEQRA;
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- 3) That this action shall not have any significant impact upon the environment and declare that a Negative Declaration is determined with regard to this action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the comments of the Rockland County Department of Planning are incorporated into the local law, such that no override is required; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village the Board of Trustees adopts Local Law #3 of 2019 as drafted.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 -2019**

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE, TO PROHIBIT THE BURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS**

**EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED CEMETERIES**

Be it enacted by the [Village Board](#) of the [Village of Chestnut Ridge](#) as follows:

The Zoning Code of the [Village of Chestnut Ridge](#), specifically Zoning Code Article III, section 4, entitled “Prohibited Uses”, shall be amended to prohibit the burial of human remains in the Village except in designated cemeteries.

**Legislative Findings; Intent and Purpose; Authority.**

The Village of Chestnut Ridge received a request to bury human remains on a property not designated as a cemetery. There are no State regulations prohibiting burial of human remains on private property (save New York State Sanitary Code regulations defining distances required between cemeteries and water sources) (the bulk of New York State regulations pertain to the New York State Cemetery Board and physical treatment of cadavers). The Village of Chestnut Ridge is predominantly a residential community with homes located on lots typically one acre or less. Furthermore, residential areas not serviced by private water companies may utilize well water as the potable water source for a home. The Municipality is authorized to implement this local law pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a) of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law to ensure that human remains will be buried in a manner so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

. . .

**§5. Permitted burial of human remains**

Notwithstanding inconsistency with any general law relating to the burial of human remains, it shall be a violation of this Chapter to:

A. Bury human remains on any property in the Village of Chestnut Ridge, other than on a property with an approved Site Development Plan and Special Permit authorizing its use as a Cemetery. This provision shall supersede any contrary provision of any conflicting general law.

. . .

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**Mayor Presti:**

- This was vetted through the County, through the Planning Board, basically they said they have no issue with it.

**Motion to Close the Public Hearing on Agenda Items only.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller  
**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Valentine  
**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Close the Public Hearing.**

**Motion to Approve Local Law No. 3 of 2019.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne  
**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Valentine  
**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to approve Local Law #3.**

**6. Resolution No. 2019-85** To authorize the Mayor and three Trustees to execute the abstract of unpaid taxes for submission to Rockland County for re-levy.

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor and three Trustees to execute the abstract of unpaid taxes for submission to Rockland County for re-levy.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Valentine  
**SECOND:** Trustee Van Alstyne  
**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve Resolution No. 2019-85.**

**7. Resolution No. 2019-86:**

**RESOLVED** to appoint Constantino Blasioli to the position of Code Enforce Officer II, full time, at a rate of \$35 per hour.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valentine**  
**SECOND: Trustee Miller**  
**The Board was polled and voted to Approve the appointment Constantino Blasioli.**

**8. Resolution No. 2019-87**

Resolution to authorize the issuance of an RFP for a Traffic Study of the Red School Road corridor to address and design solutions for impacts associated with future development of the area south of Chestnut Ridge Road.

**WHEREAS**, several land use applications have been filed for potential development projects along the Red Schoolhouse Road corridor, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Planner, Village Board and land use boards should have the benefit of a comprehensive traffic study, considering all proposed and potential developments along the area, and

**WHEREAS**, the developers of the various projects have offered to fund, through an escrow account, a traffic study commissioned by the Village to assess capacity issues associated with the

potential developments, as well as to identify potential improvements to mitigate traffic impacts in the area.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the issuance of an RFP for a traffic study of the area of Red Schoolhouse Road from Williams Road to Loescher Lane to assess the impact and develop proposed improvements to mitigate such impacts which may result from the several projects currently projected for that area;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the RFP is authorized to be drafted by the Village Planner, and published with a two (2) week response period once the Village is in possession of an acceptable, fully executed Developers Agreement, and the escrow to pay for the study has been submitted to the Village Treasurer.

**MOTION:** Trustee Miller

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Valentine

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Authorize Request for Proposal for a Traffic Study for the Red Schoolhouse Corridor.**

#### **9. Resolution No. 2019-88 –approving Abstract of Audited Claims.**

**RESOLVED**, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages 1 through 4 in the aggregate amount of \$140,776.32 as set forth on Abstract No. 2019-11 dated November 21, 2019, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**SECOND:** Trustee Miller

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Approve the Abstract of Audited Claims.**

#### **10. OPEN FLOOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION.**

**Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Concerned about snow birds not being here in January and February for Comprehensive Plan survey; could we push it back a little?

**Mayor Presti:**

- By doing that you're pushing the completion of the Plan into 2020, 2021.
- To accommodate those folks, they will have an opportunity to contact the Village with e-mails, surveys, and things of that nature.
- We are not looking to finishing this until December, and we would prefer not to go into 2021; but it is a legitimate concern.

**Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**



- Asked what the thought process was behind appointing only the Board as the Committee for the Comprehensive Plan and not anyone else?

**Mayor Presti:**

- We are trying to shepherd this Plan through in an expeditious and a finite manner.
- It is easier for us to get folks together; our schedules, we don't have to worry about vacations, who is going away.
- We tried to plan it when we have our other village meetings; whether it be a workshop or a Public Hearing so that we can get stuff done, and there is no further delay.
- We tried to do it in piece meal; apparently folks didn't like that and would prefer to do it in one shot.
- The whole idea is to be efficient that's why the Trustees kept it as a Committee.

**Trustee Miller:**

- With the Public meeting, everyone will have an opportunity to comment on, to say what they want about it.

**Mayor Presti:**

- As a Committee, we are basically going over the time line; if there are any questions, with regard to the Planner, with regard to assessment, and basically, compiling the data.
- The fact that you're not on the Committee, Mr. Rose is not on the Committee or Mr. Liebelson, doesn't mean you have any less say as to the result.

**Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Drive, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977:**

- Felt the Committee would kind of be steering the survey that's going to be asked; which will ultimately drive the focus group questions and topics that are going to be; and theoretically on our feedback how they'll be driven.
- I don't know if you asked any of the Planning, Zoning Board members; if you look at Airmont, Haverstaw, Montebello; they all have Planning and Zoning Board members included on this special Committee.
- I don't know why we are rushing through this, going through the motions, rather than doing it the right way?
- You have acknowledged the kind of lack of trust in government, not necessarily this one, but in general.
- Why are we not asking other professional members not to be on the committee?

**Mayor Presti:**

- Mayor took issue and offense; "we are not rushing anything through".
- This is the last thing we are rushing through; rushing is not in the vocabulary.
- Anyone and everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the Comprehensive Plan.

- Whatever Airmont and Montebello does, they do.
- We talked about it, we discussed it, the Planner is really the one who is running the show with regard to accumulating the data and putting it together.
- Not being on the Committee doesn't necessarily mean you have no say; everyone will have an opportunity.
- If the Zoning Board or Planning Board wants to come, they are welcome to come.
- If my memory serves me correctly, only one or two of the respective Board members even came to the Red Schoolhouse Rd. Corridor Study.
- My assessment would be if they are interested, they'll come to the meeting.

**Trustee Miller:**

- If anyone has a question that we didn't ask on the focus groups, they are able to ask them.
- They are not bound by the list of questions we are going to have.
- We are going to tell them is there anything else we didn't think about that you want to tell us about?
- We hope that somebody will give us some input that we haven't thought about.

**Mayor Presti:**

- The Planning Board will have input with regard to the Comprehensive Plan as a Board, so they will definitely be on the train with regard to where this is going.

**Trustee Grant:**

- Planning Board is all government employees as well.
- Those questions are being formulated by the Planner.
- We want to make sure everyone is included in this; everyone is inclusive in this; as fair as we could possibly be.

**Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Everything is going to be Foiled, that we are not a part of this.
- You could avoid all this.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Everything is on the Web-site.

**Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdie Rd. Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- You're already struggling to have more people.
- You're asking the Planner to bring four people.
- If you have a couple of additional people on the Board, Planning and Zoning Board members who have been long time members they can help the focus groups take notes for this.

**Mayor Presti:**

- They can do that regardless; they don't have to be on the Committee.
- Thank you, you've made your point.

**Anthony Shaut – 23 Mouacdiess Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- “Stated the process is an absolute joke.”

**Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Are there any other considerations if others came forward and didn't have a problem?

**Mayor Presti:**

- Mr. Liebelson, this was a Board decision, making sure there will be ample opportunity for anyone and everyone to participate in the process.

**Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- When the Planner comes up with the actual survey; will he propose those, and then the Committee will review them?

**Mayor Presti:**

- Anything has to be vetted by the Board of Trustees.
- Anyone has any questions; we are going to have three, four, possibly five hearings with regard to this process.
- Questions for the survey, just opens up the door.
- The Planner will review those answers.
- The Planner may want to have a follow-up survey.
- He may have questions for folks who submitted to the survey or whatever the case may be.

**Jerry Liebelson – 31 Midway Rd., Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- The Charretts are the hearings.

**Mayor Presti:**

- In looking at the Plan that the Planner is initially looking at January, March, one in early summer, one in late summer; it looks like four.
- It depends on the need also.

**Dupuy Magali – 49 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- We had a very contentious meetings for the Zoning Law.
- You want to make it efficient; you want to expedite.
- But you have residents in this Village that are very concerned about what's going on.
- By appointing yourselves, even though you said we would have input, **(we thought we would have input for the House of Worship, we didn't have that much input)**, why should we speak, if we feel you're not going to listen to us.

- I think it would be best to include some of the people from the Planning and Zoning, get other ideas.
- You can streamline those surveys to have it say whatever you want it to say.
- People from other Boards, can bring fresh ideas.
- She didn't feel comfortable based on what happened before.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Obviously, you feel we are predisposed.
- You felt that way with the House of Worship Law.
- We can't prove negative to you folks, if you don't trust us, I'm sorry.
- We are all here to do the same thing and make sure the Village progresses and improves.
- I'm not saying we made ourselves the Committee just because we want to speed thing along.
- The bottom line is you want to make sure the process is followed and stays on the right track.
- We made a policy decision to keep it with us, to make sure that we can keep it on track and that we are able to access and have everybody involved.
- We don't have meeting just to have meetings.
- We didn't have to have five House of Worship meetings.
- We had it because we wanted to hear what everyone had to say.
- The fact you feel as though we didn't hear you; we made sure no one could say their voice wasn't heard.
- This Board has never done anything in the shadows and will never do anything in the shadows.
- I was leading a focus group; I wrote down everything everyone had to say.
- I feel offended, you feel as though people would tell me black, and I would write down white because that's the way I want to go.
- That's your opinion, and you are entitled to your opinion.

**Dupuy Magali – 49 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- I feel that this Board wants to make the decisions for us.
- I want to know what I am going to say, what anyone else has to say, is going to be part of this Comprehensive Plan.
- I live here, I pay taxes.
- We moved here for a reason.

**Trustee Miller:**

- You want us to say whatever you say will be part of the Comprehensive Plan.
- All we can say is it will be given to the Planners.
- Personally, I have no idea what I want from the Comprehensive Plan.
- I want to hear from the different Villages.
- It doesn't work well with big Committees.

- We will listen to everything people have to say; we will list it, and we will consider it.
- Whether it becomes part of the Plan is totally another questions.

**Trustee Valentine:**

- Go there, put the information in, and it goes to the Planners.

**Dupuy Magali – 49 Spring Hill Terrace, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- I have not seen that from this Board; we can agree to disagree.
- By excluding Villages from the Committee, you are only going to make things worse.

**Trustee Valentine:**

- We are also Village residents.
- You know how focus groups work.
- You will know, you will be there.

**Richard Cunningham – 10 Appledale Lane, Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977:**

- Asked how long people’s contractors who put signs out are allowed to keep them there?
- I talked to Code Enforcement; signs are still nailed to the trees.
- One individual lives in the development, he can advertise, I understand that, he nailed it to the customer’s tree.

**Mayor Presti:**

- All you have to do is call Florence, she will take care of it.
- We will send Bruce tomorrow.

**Motion to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items:**

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Valentine

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Close the Open Floor Public Discussion on Agenda Items.**

**Deputy Mayor Valentine Report:**

- First, I want to thank the Mayor for giving myself and Trustee Van Alstyne for the opportunity to review the Code Enforcement Officers operations in the Village.
- Beginning in May and through November, myself and Trustee Van Alstyne held monthly meetings with the Code Enforcement officers.
- As of January, through November of this year there were 680 Complaint filed by the Village; of that number 253 tickets were issued.
- We prioritized these violations or complaints into categories A, B and C to help the Code Enforcement officers to identify which were the high risk, low risk, and medium risk; and how to address these issues.
- Illegal Housing, Fire Safety, Construction of Permits; there were 222 cases that they looked at and reviewed; B- 128-Rental Registry, unregistered cars. C- Grass, garbage and parked cars on the lawn, 330 cases in that area.

- Addressed those issues to the point where they issued tickets, told home owner to resolve the issue, and came back to make sure they were corrected
- As we move forward with this operation watching the Code Enforcement Officers, we want to make sure they are doing the services the Village needs them to do, to strengthen the supportive services.
- Other options to help them do the work..
- It is helpful when we hear things, like the signs being out, so we can bring these things to the Code Enforcement officers and make sure we are on top of these issues as well, so we appreciate that.
- Since May we have been meeting on a regular basis; upgrade what they're doing and how they are doing it and sort of guide them from that direction>

**Trustee Van Alstyne:**

- The most productive part of the meeting has been establishing the priorities; we have priority A Construction, illegal housing, fire safety, get them to focus on those first and get them engaged.
- By creating A, B, C. get the focus on those first and get them engaged.
- The one's that affect us, by creating A, B, C gives them a chance to focus on the most critical.

**Deputy Mayor Valentine:**

- I want to commend the Fire Inspector.
- He has identified and corrected 97 Health and Public and Safety violations.
- These two men are doing a good job, a great job for just two men for the whole Village of Chestnut Ridge.
- I also want to commend the Fire Inspector, 97 Public and Safety violations.
- He is a one-man army.

**Mayor Presti:**

- Appreciate the time and effort that you and Trustee Alstyne are doing.
- It helps when the staff know that you're engaged as far as in what they are doing to you.
- While they may not articulate everything that you are doing to you, I know you tried to get that out of them,

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting and Go Into Executive Session.**

- **Executive Session – Pending Litigation: OJC v. Village of Chestnut Ridge (Federal Ct. Action); Kogut et. al v. Chestnut Ridge (Article 78 Proceeding); Kogut et. al v. Chestnut Ridge (Declaratory Judgment Action); Kogut/CUPON v. Chestnut Ridge (Federal Ct. Action); Steve's Lawns v. Chestnut Ridge.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Van Alstyne

**SECOND:** Deputy Mayor Valentine

**The Board was polled and voted 4-0 to Adjourn the Meeting and Go into Executive Session.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:40 P.M.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED: 9:15 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Florence A. Mandel**  
**Village Clerk**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**Resolutions:**

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**WHEREAS**, the Village Planner, Village Board and land use boards should have the benefit of a comprehensive traffic study, considering all proposed and potential developments along the area, and

**WHEREAS**, the developers of the various projects have offered to fund, through an escrow account, a traffic study commissioned by the Village to assess capacity issues associated with the potential developments, as well as to identify potential improvements to mitigate traffic impacts in the area.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the issuance of an RFP for a traffic study of the area of Red Schoolhouse Road from Williams Road to Loescher Lane to assess the impact and develop proposed improvements to mitigate such impacts which may result from the several projects currently projected for that area;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the RFP is authorized to be drafted by the Village Planner, and published with a two (2) week response period once the Village is in possession of an acceptable, fully executed Developers Agreement, and the escrow to pay for the study has been submitted to the Village Treasurer.

**5. Resolution No. 2019-88.**

Resolution approving Abstract of Audited Claims.

**RESOLVED**, that General Fund Claims set forth on pages 1 through \_\_\_ in the aggregate amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as set forth on Abstract No. 2019-11 dated \_\_\_\_\_, as submitted by the Village Treasurer, are hereby approved.