

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room at the Stanley Kellerhouse Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Pugh	Trustee Murtaugh
Village Manager Bryan Healy	Trustee Nicholson
Village Attorney Linda Whitehead	Trustee Politi
Village Treasurer Daniel Tucker	Trustee Simon
Assistant to the Village Manager Emily Mancini	

1. Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Trustee Simon made a motion to approve the following *Fiscal Year Vouchers, claims numbered 23244827 through 23245052*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 Vote.

General Fund	\$429,984.03
Water Fund	\$22,807.37
Sewer Fund	\$2,962.22
Capital Fund	\$36,312.48
Trust Fund	-

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2024 to amend Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to provide for the administration and regulation of geothermal energy systems.

A motion was made by Trustee Politi and seconded by Trustee Nicholson to open a Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2024 to amend Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to provide for the administration and regulation of geothermal energy systems. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy explained that the Village has seen an increase in these types of installations and based on a review of best practices it seemed prudent to have some regulations in the Village Code that will give the Village Engineer some guidance in reviewing and approving these systems.

There being no comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Murtaugh and approved with a 5-0 vote. .

Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 3 of 2024 to repeal Chapter 66 and amend Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to provide for the administration and regulation of adult entertainment use businesses.

A motion was made by Trustee Politi and seconded by Trustee Simon to open a Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 3 of 2024 to repeal Chapter 66 and amend Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to provide for the administration and regulation of adult entertainment use businesses. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy summarized his letter to the Board dated March 13, 2024. To view the letter, you may log onto the following:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/33accfebb8e2d494da8b5ce695faf18b828e1bc9.pdf>

Local Law No. 3 of 2024

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-02/a8660f7e9fe009f0e6cbe76d8e090f56c6a2e10d.pdf>

Village Attorney Whitehead emphasized that a municipality cannot prohibit these uses and must provide a location within their community, the idea of this law is that we are not prohibiting it but rather controlling it.

COMMENTS:

Brian Cook, 52 Truesdale, Drive, Croton on Hudson, asked what definitions are being changed.

Village Manager Healy advised that we have changed the definitions for Adult Book Store/ Adult Video Store, Adult Entertainment Cabaret and Adult Entertainment Use.

Village Attorney Whitehead explained that some of the terminologies that were previously used would not stand up constitutionally and would have been subject to a challenge, and by making these changes we believe we have made the law more enforceable, the law is also more effective now that it has been moved into our Zoning Code.

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson stated that he is disappointed that Drag Queen shows are not included in this law, and the law is also missing the requirement for the Police Department to check on prior criminal records before they are allowed to do business in the Village.

There being no comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Murtaugh. Motion was seconded by Trustee Simon and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Review of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part II and the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Policies by the Village Board to determine consistency related to the adoption of ***Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2024 to provide for the administration and regulation of geothermal energy systems.***

Environmental Assessment Form Part II

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2 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Policies

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WAC RESPONSE

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Policy	DEVELOPMENT POLICIES	Applicable Yes/No	Consistent Yes/No	Applicable Yes/No	Consistent Yes/No	Comments
1	Restore, revitalize, and redevelop deteriorated and underutilized waterfront areas for commercial, industrial, cultural, recreational and other compatible uses	No				
1A	Existing planning and zoning documents should be reviewed and amended where necessary to ensure development within the community is consistent with adopted goals and policies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Board Concurred
1B	Redevelop and revitalize Village owned land at the Metro North Train Station, including Village garage and bay area. Encourage integrated development of Village property to assure fulfillment of requirements relating to parking and accessory uses of Metro North Train Station, while facilitating public access to bay area and recreational use.	No				
1C	Every effort should be made by the municipality to encourage the mutual cooperation and exchange of information between governmental agencies involved in clean-up of the Croton landfill and Metro-North lagoon in order to develop commercial use of resources found in the coastal area.	No				
1D	Require restoration of deteriorating structures related to railroad use and assure appropriate maintenance and screening to reduce visual impact.	No				
1E	Develop the old sewage treatment plant site at the intersection of Route 9A and Municipal Place.	No				
2	Facilitate the siting of water dependent uses and facilities on or adjacent to coastal waters	No				
2A	Expand restrictions on the use of power boats on the Hudson River and Croton River and Bay by further enforcing the parameters that regulate boat traffic such a speed, turbidity, safety, and mooring and sludge disposal. Such controls will further increase the compatibility of power boat use with other forms of recreation use within the coastal zone area.	No				

3	The state coastal policy regarding the development of major ports is not applicable to Croton.	No				
4	The state coastal policy regarding the strengthening of small harbors is not applicable to Croton.	No				
5	Encourage the location of development in areas where public services and facilities essential to such development are adequate, except when such development has special functional requirements or other characteristics which necessitate its location in other coastal areas.	No				
5A	When feasible, development within the Village should be directed within the current service area of existing water and sewer facilities or in close proximity to areas where distribution lines currently exist.	No				
5B	The extension of water and sewer distribution lines beyond areas currently served should be undertaken cautiously and with prudent regard for Village water resources and the preservation of environmental values in undeveloped areas.	No				
5C	Limit proposed development within those portions of the coastal zone boundary area, where traffic impacts such as site distance and carrying capacity of the roadways are restricted, particularly along Route 9A, Albany Post Road and Route 129.	No				
6	Expedite permit procedures in order to facilitate the siting of development activities at suitable locations.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Board Concurred
6A	To expedite permit procedures, the Village shall coordinate all relevant local laws into a development package for applicants and/or make all local laws available to applicants proposing development activities.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Board Concurred
FISH & WILDLIFE POLICIES						
7	Significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats will be protected, preserved, and, where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats.	No				
7A	The quality of the Croton River and Bay significant fish and wildlife habitat and Haverstraw Bay significant fish and wildlife habitat shall be protected and improved for conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational, and other public uses and values. Its resources shall be protected from the threat of pollution, misuse, and	No				

	mismanagement.					
7B	Materials that can degrade water quality and degrade or destroy the ecological system of the Croton River and Bay significant fish and wildlife habitat and the Haverstraw Bay significant fish and wildlife habitat shall not be disposed of or allowed to drain in, or on land within, the area of influence in the significant fish and wildlife habitats.	No				
7C	Storage of materials that can degrade water quality and degrade or destroy the ecological system of the Croton River and Bay significant fish and wildlife habitat or Haverstraw Bay significant fish and wildlife habitat shall not be permitted within the area of influence of the habitat unless best available technology is used to prevent adverse impacts to the habitat.	No				
7D	Restoration of degraded ecological elements of the Croton River and Bay and Haverstraw Bay significant fish and wildlife habitats and shore lands shall be included in any programs for cleanup of any adjacent toxic and hazardous waste sites.	No				
7E	Runoff from public and private parking lots and from storm sewer overflows shall be effectively channeled so as to prevent oil, grease, and other contaminants from polluting surface and ground water and impact the significant fish and wildlife habitats.	No				
7F	Construction activity of any kind must not cause a measurable increase in erosion or flooding at the site of such activity, or impact other locations. Construction activity shall be timed so that spawning of anadromous fish species and shellfish will not be adversely affected.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Board Concurred
7G	Such activities must not cause degradation of water quality or impact identified significant fish and wildlife habitats	No				
8	Protect fish and wildlife resources in the coastal area from the introduction of hazardous wastes and other pollutants which bio-accumulate in the food chain or which cause significant sub lethal or lethal effect on those resources.	No				
9	Expand recreational use of fish and wildlife resources in coastal areas by increasing access to existing resources, supplementing existing stocks, and developing new resources. Such efforts shall be made in a manner which ensures the protection of renewable fish and wildlife resources and considers other	No				

	activities dependent on them.					
9A	Ensure continued recreational use and public access to the rivers through Village-owned land adjacent to the Metro-North parking lot, at Croton Point Park and at Senasqua Park, along the Croton River, and at the Croton Yacht Club. Efforts should be made to encourage recreational use of the fish and wildlife resources found in these areas by increasing the opportunities for public access and enjoyment	No				
9B	Encourage passive recreational enjoyment of the wildlife in the designated significant fish and wildlife habitats, on the Audubon Society Sanctuaries, on other public or private lands within the Village, where wildlife habitats are located. Encourage the recreational use of areas where such resources are found, as well as the protection of such resources.	No				
10	Further develop commercial finfish, shellfish and crustacean resources in the coastal area by encouraging the construction of new or improvement of existing onshore commercial fishing facilities, increasing marketing of the state's seafood products, maintaining adequate stocks, and expanding aquaculture facilities. Such efforts shall be made in a manner which ensures the protection of renewable fish and wildlife resources and considers other activities dependent on them.	No				
	FLOODING & EROSION POLICIES					
11	Buildings and other structures will be sited in the coastal area so as to minimize damage to property and the endangering of human lives caused by flooding and erosion	No				
11A	Erosion and sediment control measures shall be undertaken in order to safeguard persons, protect property, prevent damage to the environment, and promote the public welfare by guiding, regulating and controlling the design, construction, use and maintenance of any development or other activity which disturbs or breaks the topsoil or results in earth movement.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Board Concurred
12	Activities or Development in the coastal area will be undertaken so as to minimize damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion by protecting natural protective features including beaches, dunes, barrier islands and bluffs. Primary dunes will be protected from all encroachments that could impair their	No				

	natural protective capacity					
12A	Every effort should be made to protect Croton Point, a natural protective barrier to Croton Bay from activities or development that would increase erosion of or flooding of the Point	No				
13	The construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures shall be undertaken only if they have a reasonable probability of controlling erosion for at least thirty years as demonstrated in design and construction standards and/or assured maintenance or replacement programs.	No				
13A	Any bulkheads along the Hudson must be maintained in good condition and private landowners should be required to restore and maintain erosion control mechanisms along their river frontage which are designed for long term stability.	No				
14	Activities and development, including the construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures, shall be undertaken so that there will be no measurable increase in erosion or flooding at the site of such activities or development, or at other locations.	No				
15	Mining, excavation or dredging in coastal waters shall not significantly interfere with the natural coastal processes which supply beach materials to land adjacent to such waters and shall be undertaken in a manner which will not cause an increase in erosion of such land.	No				
16	Public funds shall only be used for erosion protective structures where necessary to protect human life, and new development which requires a location within or adjacent to an erosion hazard area to be able to function, or existing development; and only where the public benefits outweigh the long term monetary and other costs including the potential for increasing erosion and adverse effects on natural protective features	No				
16A	Public funds shall be appropriated for the yearly maintenance of Senasqua Park until such time that is determined that expenditure of funds outweighs the cost of acquiring, constructing and maintaining a similar public park on Croton's waterfront.	No				
17	Whenever possible, use non-structural measures to minimize damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion. Such measures shall include: (i) the setback of buildings and structures; (ii) the planting of vegetation and the	No				

	installation of sand fencing and draining; (iii) the reshaping of bluffs; and (iv) the flood-proofing of buildings or their elevation above the base flood level.					
17A	Efforts to control erosion along the rivers and on the steep slopes rising from areas inland shall be of a non-structural nature, wherever possible, in consideration of the visual impact of structural measures. The retention or planting of vegetative covers will be preferred to structural measures.	No				
18	To safeguard the vital economic, social and environmental interests of the state and of its citizens, proposed major actions in the coastal area must give full consideration to those interests, and to the safeguards which the state has established to protect valuable coastal resource areas.	No				
	PUBLIC ACCESS POLICIES					
19	Protect, maintain, and increase the level and types of access to public water-related recreation resources and facilities so that these resources and facilities may be fully utilized in accordance with reasonably anticipated public recreation needs and the protection of historic and natural resources. In providing such access, priority will be given to public beaches, boating facilities, fishing areas and waterfront parks.	No				
19A	Encourage the linkage of open space along the Hudson and Croton Rivers in the form of a trail or walkway system. Such systems should be provided along undeveloped and underutilized land as well as along previously developed land.	No				
19B	Increase physical access to areas that have specific value for their physical and visual access to the Hudson River or Croton River and Bay.	No				
19C	Encourage the expansion of public transportation, when feasible, to areas within the coastal zone area where water dependent and water enhanced recreation activities are located.	No				
19D	Increase access to Croton River and Bay at the Village-owned land south of the Village parking lots at the Croton-Harmon Station.	No				
19E	Maintain the trail, which provides access to the Croton River waterfront, in its current undeveloped condition as a pedestrian walkway.	No				
20	Access to the publicly owned foreshore and to lands immediately adjacent to the foreshore or the water's edge that are publicly owned shall be provided and it should be provided in a manner	No				

	compatible with adjoining uses. Such lands shall be retained in public ownership.					
21	Water dependent and water enhanced recreation will be encouraged and facilitated and will be given priority over non-water related uses along the coast, provided it is consistent with the preservation and enhancement of other coastal resources and takes into account demand for such facilities. In facilitating such activities, priority shall be given to areas where access to the recreation opportunities of the coast can be provided by new or existing public transportation services and to those areas where the use of the shore is severely restricted by existing development.	No				
21A	Boating activities should be encouraged provided that they do not restrict other recreational opportunities and are undertaken in a manner compatible with existing water- dependent uses.	No				
22	Development when located adjacent to the shore will provide for water-related recreation, as a multiple use, whenever such recreational use is appropriate in light reasonably anticipated demand for such activities and the primary purpose of the development	No				
23	Protect, enhance and restore structures, districts, in areas of sites that are of significance in the history, architecture, archaeology or culture of the state, its communities or the nation.	No				
24	Prevent impairment of scenic resources of statewide significance as identified on the coastal area map. Impairment shall include: (i) the irreversible modification of geologic forms, the destruction or removal of vegetation, the destruction, or removal of structures, whenever the geologic forms, vegetation or structures are significant to the scenic quality of an identified resource; and (ii) the addition of structures which because of siting or scale will reduce identified views or which because of scale, form, or materials will diminish the scenic quality of an identified resource.	No				
25	Protect, restore or enhance natural and man-made resources which are not identified as being of statewide significance, but which contribute to the overall scenic quality of the coastal area.	No				
25A	Protect local scenic resources by	No				

	preventing: (i) the irreversible modification of geologic forms, the destruction or removal of vegetation or wetlands, the destruction, or removal of structures, whenever the geologic forms, vegetation or structures are significant to the scenic quality of an identified resources; and (ii) the addition of structures which because of siting scale will reduce identified views or which because of scale, form, or materials will diminish the scenic quality of an identified resource.					
25B	Secure the designation of the panoramic views from Croton Point as a scenic area of statewide significance.	No				
25C	Secure the designation of Routes 9 and 129 within the Croton boundaries as a scenic road. Ensure developments on or adjacent to Route 9 do not impair scenic resources or views of or from the Hudson and Croton Rivers	No				
25D	Establish and protect identified view-sheds which provide visual access to the Hudson River, including but not limited to the views of the Hudson River from the western shoreline of the Village, and from Prickly Pear Hill, Lounsbury Hill, and River Landing. In addition, protect view-sheds to and of the Croton River and Gorge.	No				
26	The state coastal policy regarding the protection of agricultural lands is not applicable to Croton	No				
	ENERGY AND ICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES					
27	Decisions on the siting and construction of major energy facilities in the coastal area will be based on public energy needs, compatibility of such facilities with the environment, and the facility's need for a shorefront location.	No				
28	Ice management practices shall not damage significant fish and wildlife and their habitats, increase shoreline erosion or flooding, or interfere with the production of hydroelectric power.	No				
28A	Ice management practices must consider short- and long-term impacts on the Croton River and Bay and Haverstraw Bay significant fish and wildlife habitats.	No				
29	The state coastal policy regarding the development of energy resources is not applicable to Croton.	No				
	WATER AND AIR RESOURCES POLICIES					
30	Municipal, industrial, and commercial	No				

	discharge of pollutants, including but not limited to, toxic and hazardous substances, into coastal waters will conform to state and national water quality standards.					
30A	Existing rail services and transportation-related facilities shall not dispose any materials in coastal waters until such materials have been tested by the state for conformance with water quality standards.	No				
30B	Storage and disposal of all materials shall be monitored by the state to assure there will be no discharge or leaching of materials into coastal waters.	No				
31	State coastal area policies and purposes of approved local waterfront revitalization programs will be considered while reviewing coastal water classifications and while modifying water quality standards; however, those waters already overburdened with contaminants will be recognized as being a development constraint.	No				
31A	Clean water is desired and NYSDEC should continually monitor water quality in the Hudson River and Croton Bay which have already been overburdened with pollutants. Recommendations for mitigation and upgrading water quality classifications cannot be determined without continual monitoring and testing of the waters.	No				
32	Encourage the use of alternative or innovative sanitary waste systems in small communities where the costs of conventional facilities are unreasonably high, given the size of the existing tax base of these communities.	No				
33	Best Management Practices will be used to ensure the control of storm water runoff and combined sewer overflows draining into coastal waters.	No				
33A	Encourage new developments to retain storm water runoff on site so as to not increase flows within the existing system or to improve existing storm water runoff systems to that runoff from such developments does not adversely impact coastal waters	No				
33B	Improve existing Village storm water discharge to control flow of pollutants from street and parking areas, etc. directly in the rivers.	No				
34	Discharge of waste into coastal waters from vessels will be limited so as to protect significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreational areas and water supply areas.	No				

34A	There shall be no discharge from moored structures or marine vessels, due to shape of cove and lack of tidal flushing.	No				
35	Dredging and dredge spoil disposal in coastal waters will be undertaken in a manner that meets existing state dredging permit requirements, and protects significant fish and wildlife habitats, scenic resources, natural protective features, important agricultural lands, and wetlands.	No				
36	Activities related to the shipment and storage of petroleum and other hazardous materials will be conducted in a manner that will prevent or at least minimize spills into coastal waters; all practicable efforts will be undertaken to expedite the cleanup of such discharges; and restitution for damages will be required when these spills occur.	No				
37	Best Management Practices will be utilized to minimize the non-point discharge of excess nutrients, organics and eroded soils into coastal waters.	No				
37A	Standards and specifications for the control of non-point source discharge as set forth in Westchester County's Best Management Practice Manual or other recognized reference shall be utilized during development of any site.	No				
37B	Control of the development of hilltops, and steep slopes should be exerted in order to prevent erosion and minimize runoff and flooding from new construction.	No				
38	The quality and quantity of surface water and ground water supplies will be conserved and protected, particularly where such waters constitute the primary or sole source of water supply.	No				
39	The transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, within coastal areas will be conducted in such a manner so as to protect groundwater and surface water supplies, significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreation areas, important agricultural lands and scenic resources.	No				
39A	Require transporters, producers and storers of hazardous material to inform the public or allow public access to records involving the transport, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous materials. This is of particular concern with respect to rail transport of such materials, storage of identified materials on railroad property and uses in the waterfront area involved in the treatment, storage and disposal of such materials.	No				

39B	In accordance with Title III, Section 302, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to- Know of the 1986 Superfund Reauthorization Act, the local emergency planning committee and the Croton Fire Department shall be notified if hazardous substances exceed the established threshold planning quantity	No				
40	Effluent discharged from major steam electric generating and industrial facilities into coastal waters will not be unduly injurious to fish and wildlife and shall conform to state water quality standards.	No				
41	Land use or development in the coastal area will not cause national or state air quality standards to be violated	No				
41A	A NYSDEC point-source air monitoring station should be established within the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.	No				
42	Coastal management policies will be considered if the state reclassifies land areas pursuant to the prevention of significant deterioration regulations of the Federal Clean Air Act.	No				
43	Land use or development in the coastal area must not cause the generation of significant amounts of the acid rain precursors: nitrates and sulfates.	No				
43A	Encourage the use of shuttle bus service to the train station, thereby decreasing dependency on the automobile use and reduce the generation of acid rain precursors	No				
43B	Encourage the use of low sulphur fossil fuels for rail vehicles and encourage the development of a monitoring program to assess rail vehicle engines emissions	No				
44	Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas.	No				
44A	Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or siltation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.	No				

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8	Protect fish and wildlife resources in the coastal area from the introduction of hazardous wastes and other pollutants which bio-accumulate in the food chain, or which cause significant sub lethal or lethal effect on those resources.	No				
9	Expand recreational use of fish and wildlife resources in coastal areas by increasing access to existing resources, supplementing existing stocks, and developing new resources. Such efforts shall be made in a manner which ensures the protection of renewable fish and wildlife resources and considers other activities dependent on them.	No				
9A	Ensure continued recreational use and public access to the rivers through Village-owned land adjacent to the Metro-North parking lot, at Croton Point Park and at Senasqua Park, along the Croton River, and at the Croton Yacht Club. Efforts should be made to encourage recreational use of the fish and wildlife resources found in these areas by increasing the opportunities for public access and enjoyment	No				
9B	Encourage passive recreational enjoyment of the wildlife in the designated significant fish and wildlife habitats, on the Audubon Society Sanctuaries, on other public or private lands within the Village, where wildlife habitats are located. Encourage the recreational use of areas where such resources are found, as well as the protection of such resources.	No				
10	Further develop commercial finfish, shellfish and crustacean resources in the coastal area by encouraging the construction of new or improvement of existing onshore commercial fishing facilities, increasing marketing of the state's seafood products, maintaining adequate stocks, and expanding aquaculture facilities. Such efforts shall be made in a manner which ensures the protection of renewable fish and wildlife resources and considers other activities dependent on them.	No				
	FLOODING & EROSION POLICIES					
11	Buildings and other structures will be sited in the coastal area so as to minimize damage to property and the endangering of human lives caused by flooding and erosion	No				

11A	Erosion and sediment control measures shall be undertaken in order to safeguard persons, protect property, prevent damage to the environment, and promote the public welfare by guiding, regulating and controlling the design, construction, use and maintenance of any development or other activity which disturbs or breaks the topsoil or results in earth movement.	No				
12	Activities or Development in the coastal area will be undertaken so as to minimize damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion by protecting natural protective features including beaches, dunes, barrier islands and bluffs. Primary dunes will be protected from all encroachments that could impair their natural protective capacity	No				
12A	Every effort should be made to protect Croton Point, a natural protective barrier to Croton Bay from activities or development that would increase erosion of or flooding of the Point	No				
13	The construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures shall be undertaken only if they have a reasonable probability of controlling erosion for at least thirty years as demonstrated in design and construction standards and/or assured maintenance or replacement programs.	No				
13A	Any bulkheads along the Hudson must be maintained in good condition and private landowners should be required to restore and maintain erosion control mechanisms along their river frontage which are designed for long term stability.	No				
14	Activities and development, including the construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures, shall be undertaken so that there will be no measurable increase in erosion or flooding at the site of such activities or development, or at other locations.	No				
15	Mining, excavation or dredging in coastal waters shall not significantly interfere with the natural coastal processes which supply beach materials to land adjacent to such waters and shall be undertaken in a manner which will not cause an increase in erosion of such land.	No				
16	Public funds shall only be used for erosion protective structures where necessary to protect human life, and new development which requires a location within or adjacent to an erosion hazard area to be able to function, or existing development; and only where the public benefits outweigh the long term monetary and other costs including the potential for increasing erosion and adverse effects on natural protective features	No				
16A	Public funds shall be appropriated for the	No				

	yearly maintenance of Senasqua Park until such time that is determined that expenditure of funds outweighs the cost of acquiring, constructing and maintaining a similar public park on Croton's waterfront.					
17	Whenever possible, use non-structural measures to minimize damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion. Such measures shall include: (i) the setback of buildings and structures; (ii) the planting of vegetation and the installation of sand fencing and draining; (iii) the reshaping of bluffs; and (iv) the flood-proofing of buildings or their elevation above the base flood level.	No				
17A	Efforts to control erosion along the rivers and on the steep slopes rising from areas inland shall be of a non-structural nature, wherever possible, in consideration of the visual impact of structural measures. The retention or planting of vegetative covers will be preferred to structural measures.	No				
18	To safeguard the vital economic, social and environmental interests of the state and of its citizens, proposed major actions in the coastal area must give full consideration to those interests, and to the safeguards which the state has established to protect valuable coastal resource areas.	No				
	PUBLIC ACCESS POLICIES					
19	Protect, maintain, and increase the level and types of access to public water-related recreation resources and facilities so that these resources and facilities may be fully utilized in accordance with reasonably anticipated public recreation needs and the protection of historic and natural resources. In providing such access, priority will be given to public beaches, boating facilities, fishing areas and waterfront parks.	No				
19A	Encourage the linkage of open space along the Hudson and Croton Rivers in the form of a trail or walkway system. Such systems should be provided along undeveloped and underutilized land as well as along previously developed land.	No				
19B	Increase physical access to areas that have specific value for their physical and visual access to the Hudson River or Croton River and Bay.	No				
19C	Encourage the expansion of public transportation, when feasible, to areas within the coastal zone area where water dependent and water enhanced recreation activities are located.	No				
19D	Increase access to Croton River and Bay at the Village-owned land south of the Village parking lots at the Croton-Harmon Station.	No				

19E	Maintain the trail, which provides access to the Croton River waterfront, in its current undeveloped condition as a pedestrian walkway.	No				
20	Access to the publicly owned foreshore and to lands immediately adjacent to the foreshore or the water's edge that are publicly owned shall be provided and it should be provided in a manner compatible with adjoining uses. Such lands shall be retained in public ownership.	No				
21	Water dependent and water enhanced recreation will be encouraged and facilitated and will be given priority over non-water related uses along the coast, provided it is consistent with the preservation and enhancement of other coastal resources and takes into account demand for such facilities. In facilitating such activities, priority shall be given to areas where access to the recreation opportunities of the coast can be provided by new or existing public transportation services and to those areas where the use of the shore is severely restricted by existing development.	No				
21A	Boating activities should be encouraged provided that they do not restrict other recreational opportunities and are undertaken in a manner compatible with existing water-dependent uses.	No				
22	Development when located adjacent to the shore will provide for water-related recreation, as a multiple use, whenever such recreational use is appropriate in light reasonably anticipated demand for such activities and the primary purpose of the development	No				
23	Protect, enhance and restore structures, districts, in areas of sites that are of significance in the history, architecture, archaeology or culture of the state, its communities or the nation.	No				
24	Prevent impairment of scenic resources of statewide significance as identified on the coastal area map. Impairment shall include: (i) the irreversible modification of geologic forms, the destruction or removal of vegetation, the destruction, or removal of structures, whenever the geologic forms, vegetation or structures are significant to the scenic quality of an identified resource; and (ii) the addition of structures which because of siting or scale will reduce identified views or which because of scale, form, or materials will diminish the scenic quality of an identified resource.	No				
25	Protect, restore or enhance natural and man-made resources which are not identified as being of statewide significance, but which	No				

	contribute to the overall scenic quality of the coastal area.					
25A	Protect local scenic resources by preventing: (i) the irreversible modification of geologic forms, the destruction or removal of vegetation or wetlands, the destruction, or removal of structures, whenever the geologic forms, vegetation or structures are significant to the scenic quality of an identified resources; and (ii) the addition of structures which because of siting scale will reduce identified views or which because of scale, form, or materials will diminish the scenic quality of an identified resource.	No				
25B	Secure the designation of the panoramic views from Croton Point as a scenic area of statewide significance.	No				
25C	Secure the designation of Routes 9 and 129 within the Croton boundaries as a scenic road. Ensure developments on or adjacent to Route 9 do not impair scenic resources or views of or from the Hudson and Croton Rivers	No				
25D	Establish and protect identified view-sheds which provide visual access to the Hudson River, including but not limited to the views of the Hudson River from the western shoreline of the Village, and from Prickly Pear Hill, Lounsbury Hill, and River Landing. In addition, protect view-sheds to and of the Croton River and Gorge.	No				
26	The state coastal policy regarding the protection of agricultural lands is not applicable to Croton	No				
	ENERGY AND ICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES					
27	Decisions on the siting and construction of major energy facilities in the coastal area will be based on public energy needs, compatibility of such facilities with the environment, and the facility's need for a shorefront location.	No				
28	Ice management practices shall not damage significant fish and wildlife and their habitats, increase shoreline erosion or flooding, or interfere with the production of hydroelectric power.	No				
28A	Ice management practices must consider short and long-term impacts on the Croton River and Bay and Haverstraw Bay significant fish and wildlife habitats.	No				
29	The state coastal policy regarding the development of energy resources is not applicable to Croton.	No				
	WATER AND AIR RESOURCES POLICIES					
30	Municipal, industrial, and commercial discharge of pollutants, including but not	No				

	limited to, toxic and hazardous substances, into coastal waters will conform to state and national water quality standards.					
30A	Existing rail services and transportation-related facilities shall not dispose any materials in coastal waters until such materials have been tested by the state for conformance with water quality standards.	No				
30B	Storage and disposal of all materials shall be monitored by the state to assure there will be no discharge or leaching of materials into coastal waters.	No				
31	State coastal area policies and purposes of approved local waterfront revitalization programs will be considered while reviewing coastal water classifications and while modifying water quality standards; however, those waters already over-burdened with contaminants will be recognized as being a development constraint.	No				
31A	Clean water is desired and NYSDEC should continually monitor water quality in the Hudson River and Croton Bay which have already been overburdened with pollutants. Recommendations for mitigation and upgrading water quality classifications cannot be determined without continual monitoring and testing of the waters.	No				
32	Encourage the use of alternative or innovative sanitary waste systems in small communities where the costs of conventional facilities are unreasonably high, given the size of the existing tax base of these communities.	No				
33	Best Management Practices will be used to ensure the control of storm water runoff and combined sewer overflows draining into coastal waters.	No				
33A	Encourage new developments to retain storm water runoff on site so as to not increase flows within the existing system or to improve existing storm water runoff systems to that runoff from such developments does not adversely impact coastal waters	No				
33B	Improve existing Village storm water discharge to control flow of pollutants from street and parking areas, etc. directly in the rivers.	No				
34	Discharge of waste into coastal waters from vessels will be limited so as to protect significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreational areas and water supply areas.	No				
34A	There shall be no discharge from moored structures or marine vessels, due to shape of cove and lack of tidal flushing.	No				
35	Dredging and dredge spoil disposal in coastal waters will be undertaken in a manner that meets existing state dredging permit	No				

	requirements, and protects significant fish and wildlife habitats, scenic resources, natural protective features, important agricultural lands, and wetlands.					
36	Activities related to the shipment and storage of petroleum and other hazardous materials will be conducted in a manner that will prevent or at least minimize spills into coastal waters; all practicable efforts will be undertaken to expedite the cleanup of such discharges; and restitution for damages will be required when these spills occur.	No				
37	Best Management Practices will be utilized to minimize the non-point discharge of excess nutrients, organics and eroded soils into coastal waters.	No				
37A	Standards and specifications for the control of non-point source discharge as set forth in Westchester County's Best Management Practice Manual or other recognized reference shall be utilized during development of any site.	No				
37B	Control of the development of hilltops, and steep slopes should be exerted in order to prevent erosion and minimize runoff and flooding from new construction.	No				
38	The quality and quantity of surface water and ground water supplies will be conserved and protected, particularly where such waters constitute the primary or sole source of water supply.	No				
39	The transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, within coastal areas will be conducted in such a manner so as to protect groundwater and surface water supplies, significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreation areas, important agricultural lands and scenic resources.	No				
39A	Require transporters, producers and storers of hazardous material to inform the public or allow public access to records involving the transport, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous materials. This is of particular concern with respect to rail transport of such materials, storage of identified materials on railroad property and uses in the waterfront area involved in the treatment, storage and disposal of such materials.	No				
39B	In accordance with Title III, Section 302, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know of the 1986 Superfund Reauthorization Act, the local emergency planning committee and the Croton Fire Department shall be notified if hazardous substances exceed the established threshold planning quantity	No				
40	Effluent discharged from major steam electric generating and industrial facilities into coastal	No				

	waters will not be unduly injurious to fish and wildlife and shall conform to state water quality standards.					
41	Land use or development in the coastal area will not cause national or state air quality standards to be violated	No				
41A	A NYSDEC point-source air monitoring station should be established within the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.	No				
42	Coastal management policies will be considered if the state reclassifies land areas pursuant to the prevention of significant deterioration regulations of the Federal Clean Air Act.	No				
43	Land use or development in the coastal area must not cause the generation of significant amounts of the acid rain precursors: nitrates and sulfates.	No				
43A	Encourage the use of shuttle bus service to the train station, thereby decreasing dependency on the automobile use and reduce the generation of acid rain precursors	No				
43B	Encourage the use of low sulphur fossil fuels for rail vehicles and encourage the development of a monitoring program to assess rail vehicle engines emissions	No				
44	Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas.	No				
44A	Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or siltation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.	No				

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4. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL – NONE

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5. CORRESPONDENCE:

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- a. Email from Copernicus Crane, from the Westchester County Executive's Office regarding the reopening of the beach area at Croton Point Park.

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<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/9894cf0dea030bab77e5a9a06358293c14cc16c6.pdf>

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- b. Revised Public Notice of Completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of a Public Hearing on Zoning Text and Map Amendments for the Chair Factory Site Redevelopment in the Village of Haverstraw.

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<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/c1895dbe3e5b34e2071509c9de25507dd1f64a1c.pdf>

- c. Letter from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the resumption of the Hydrilla project at the New Croton Reservoir.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/5178206d5c1dd7a5ed667a8ad3e8ff5de0674169.pdf>

- d. Letter from the Arbor Day Foundation officially recognizing the Village of Croton on Hudson as a Tree City USA for the year 2023.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/9b25fa6e7806bdf3799cc5076bdd0fa6f7fecb45.pdf>

- e. Memo from Frank Balbi, Superintendent of Public Works, regarding the use of electric leaf blowers as part of the Village's Lawn Maintenance Program.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/87811672b7ecb399ad228c3ce463012fcde40398.pdf>

- f. Email from John Munson, Fire Council Secretary, regarding membership changes in the Croton Fire Department.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/7140e70ed76ed411c60c5d2c7716b7721a21f8a5.pdf>

- g. Email from Dennis Kooney of the Croton Yacht Club regarding its annual lease reporting documentation.

Events open to Village residents:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/cfc087a3d1a97b121b76dad78f43c387e99549d2.pdf>

- h. Notice from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance regarding the final Railroad Ceiling for the 2024 Assessment Roll.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/cfa48428f179b6dd109e14f600c0238cb65a6cc4.pdf>

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

1 Maria Corrales Hernandez, 35 Old Post Road South, Croton on Hudson, asked
2 that the Telecommunications Advisory Committee's memo be included in the
3 public record. Ms. Hernandez stated that the Committee's comments convey
4 serious flaws in the proposed Local Law and emphasized that the Committee
5 wants to see all tower locations treated equally and that they demonstrate
6 that a proposed site will have the most impact on coverage. To view the
7 Committee's memo, you may log onto the following:

8 [https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-](https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/5643b59811e872526a842b2927b50dc4491b5184.pdf)
9 [03/5643b59811e872526a842b2927b50dc4491b5184.pdf](https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/5643b59811e872526a842b2927b50dc4491b5184.pdf)

10 Trustee Simon stated that the public hearing is about a month away and it
11 will give us ample time to review the law and make any changes we deem
12 necessary.

13 Trustee Murtaugh stated that the fact that we are calling for a public hearing
14 does not cement anything into law and does not stop the process, it is
15 another opportunity for the Board to get feedback from the public and the
16 committee.

17 Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, commended everyone
18 involved with the Hydrilla project, they did a great job and the presentation
19 given to the Board was well done, endorses the agreement between the
20 Village and the Croton Yacht Club, asked for an estimate of the Assessment,
21 value, and size of the CSX property, supports allowing dogs in the Gouveia
22 Park, and thanked the Fire Department for the memorial service held in
23 memory of John Giglio.

24 WRITTEN COMMENTS

25 Email from Hallie and Cliff Clarke, 28 Quaker Bridge Road, Croton on Hudson,
26 dated February 27, 2024, expressing their support for allowing leased dogs
27 at Gouveia Park.

28 Email from members of the Telecommunications Advisory Committee dated
29 March 8, 2024, with their suggested changes to the draft law.

30 [https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-](https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/5643b59811e872526a842b2927b50dc4491b5184.pdf)
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32 7. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

1 **Resolution #48-2024**

2 On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was
3 adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0
4 vote.

5 WHEREAS Sections 5-504, 5-506, and 5-508 of New York State Village law set forth
6 certain procedures and dates for the adoption of the annual Village budget, and

7 WHEREAS in accordance with Section 5-504 the Village Manager, as Budget Officer, will
8 file the tentative budget in the office of the Village Clerk on or before the twentieth day of
9 March, and

10 WHEREAS Section 5-508.3 provides that a public hearing shall be held upon the tentative
11 budget, as changed, altered or revised, on or before the fifteenth day of April,

12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a
13 Public Hearing on March 27, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal
14 Building, located at 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, to consider the
15 2024-2025 Tentative Budget.

16 **Resolution 49-2024**

17 On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, the following
18 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New
19 York with a 5-0 vote.

20 WHEREAS the Village would like to update Chapter 206, Telecommunications Towers, of
21 the Village Code to provide for the regulation of wireless facilities in the Village of Croton-
22 on-Hudson, and

23 WHEREAS Local Law Introductory No. 5 of 2024 was drafted for such purposes,

24 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a
25 Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant
26 Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider Local Law
27 Introductory No. 5 of 2024 to amend Chapter 206, Telecommunications Towers, of the
28 Village Code to provide for the regulation of wireless facilities in the Village of Croton-on-
29 Hudson.

30 DISCUSSION:

1 Trustee Murtaugh stated that even though we are scheduling a public hearing, there is
2 still more work to be done on this law and we look forward to making the best possible
3 law that will provide better telecommunications to Village residents yet balancing the
4 needs of our neighborhoods.

5 Village Manager Healy stated that as part of this process the Board has decided to put
6 this through the SEQRA and LWRP review.

7 **Resolution #50-2024**

8 On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following
9 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New
10 York with a 5-0 vote.

11 WHEREAS in accordance with the recommendation put forth by the Recreation Advisory
12 Committee, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson would like to amend Chapter 108, Dogs, and
13 168, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Village Code to permit leashed dogs in Gouveia
14 Park, and

15 WHEREAS Local Law Introductory No. 6 of 2024 was drafted for such purposes,

16 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a
17 Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant
18 Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider Local Law
19 Introductory No. 6 of 2024 to amend Chapters 108 and 168 of the Village Code to permit
20 leashed dogs in Gouveia Park.

21 **Resolution #51-2024**

22 On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE SIMON, the following
23 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New
24 York, with a 5-0 vote.

25 WHEREAS the Volunteer Fire Department Length of Service Award Program was approved
26 by referendum in 2003, and

27 WHEREAS Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law requires that the list
28 of Fire Department members indicating those who earned a year of service credit during
29 the calendar year, those that did not earn a year of credit, and those who waived
30 participation must be certified under oath by the Fire Department, and

31 WHEREAS once certified, this list must be approved by the Village Board and posted for
32 30 days,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the list for 2023 and authorizes its posting for 30 days.

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Murtaugh the Board of Trustees suspended the Rules of Procedures to allow Mr. Dinkler to speak. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Tex Dinkler, Croton Fire Department, explained that it has been somewhat of a challenge this year because they were transitioning between two systems, and they will be making sure that all the numbers attributed to each firefighter is correct.

Resolution #52 of 2024

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the parking lot parcel known as Lot A last year, and

WHEREAS as part of its due diligence in reviewing the responses to the RFP, the Village would like to obtain an appraisal of the parcel to determine its fair market value, and

WHEREAS the cost of the appraisals is \$5,000, and

WHEREAS funding for this expense was not included in the 2023-2024 General Fund budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to transfer \$5,000 from Contingency Account #A1990.4000 to the following accounts:

A1940.4000 – Purchase of Land - Contractual	\$5,000
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Resolution #53 of 2024

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson initiated Capital Project 23439 to address the repair of a retaining wall on Grand Street, originally budgeted at \$120,000, and

WHEREAS on January 18, 2024, the Village advertised for invitations to bid on this project (Bid #01-2024), and

WHEREAS on February 28, 2024, the Village Board authorized the Village Manager to award the bid to the second-lowest bidder, Catalyst Construction, LLC, of Middletown, New York, in the amount of \$236,565.30, and

WHEREAS Project 23439 currently holds \$93,000.42 within its budget for completion, and

WHEREAS Westchester County, in collaboration with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, has successfully secured Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$59,076 for the replacement of the retaining wall, despite the initial request for \$60,000, and

WHEREAS Resolution 150 of 2023 originally designated a fund balance of \$2,100,000 for the replacement of a ladder truck for the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department, and

WHEREAS the Village has subsequently received grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 from DASNY for the purpose of replacing the ladder truck, reducing the overall cost, and

WHEREAS the Village Board deems it necessary to adjust the budget of Project 23439 in light of these developments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board authorizes the Village Treasurer to reduce the assigned fund balance for the ladder truck to \$2,010,000 and assign \$90,000 of fund balance to Project 23439, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Village Board authorizes the Village Treasurer to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 budget as follows:

General Fund:

Increase Expense:

A9901.9030 - Transfer to Capital Fund	\$144,488.88
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Increase Revenue:

A1000.2401 – Interest & Earnings	\$27,244.44
A5650.1720 – Parking Lot Permits	\$27,244.44

Use of Fund Balance:

Per Resolution

\$90,000.00

Capital Fund:

Increase Expense:

H5110.2106.23439 – Grand St Wall Replacement

\$143,564.88

Decrease Revenue:

H1000.3997.23439 – State Aid-Grand St Wall Replacement

\$924.00

Increase Revenue:

H1000.5031.23439 – Transfer from General Fund

\$144,488.88

Resolution #54 of 2024

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS in 2023, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson introduced the practice of establishing Annual Legislative Priorities to streamline responses to legislative proposals affecting the Village and optimize the allocation of limited advocacy resources, and

WHEREAS a document outlining the Village's Legislative, Program and Project Priorities for 2024 has been drafted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson adopts and approves the 2024 Legislative, Program and Project Priorities attached and incorporated herein by this reference, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to send this resolution and legislative packet to the federal, state and county legislators representing the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Nicholson thanked Trustee Simon for working on this draft and taking the time to look at recommendations from our colleagues at both our County and State Governments., it is a very thorough list that includes a lot of important priorities.

2024 Legislative Program and Project Priorities

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2024-03/ee1ba3c46df2d121d5ec937c95f6338e879a4789.pdf>

Resolution #55 of 2024

On motion of TRUSTEE POLITI, seconded by TRUSTEE SIMON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Croton Business Council is desirous of holding a "Big Easy on the Hudson" festival, an event which expects to have attendance of three thousand attendees, in a Village Park, specifically Vassallo Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has provided the Croton Business Council with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that delineates the respective rights and obligations of the parties and defines their relationship for the "Big Easy on the Hudson" event,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Croton Business Council related to the "Big Easy on the Hudson" event.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, reminded everyone that the funds that we received from Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg's office are taxpayer funds, objected to the distribution of abortion drugs in local chain pharmacies, would like to see a fair report/audit on the benefits of electric school buses, would like to see Village elections moved back to March.

Tony Granger, Half Moon Bay, Croton on Hudson, addressed his concerns regarding the sale of the Finkelstein property, as well as the financial transaction between the two parties which indicates that the property will still remain in the Finkelstein family and is concerned because of their support for affordable housing.

1 9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2 Motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting held on
3 February 28, 2024, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by
4 Trustee Politi and approved with a 5-0 vote.

5 Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on February 28,
6 2024, was made by Trustee Murtaugh. The motion was seconded by Trustee
7 Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

8 Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 29,
9 2024, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee
10 Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

11 Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on February 29,
12 2024, was made by Trustee Politi. The motion was seconded by Trustee Simon
13 and approved with a 5-0 vote.

14 Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 6, 2024,
15 was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and
16 approved with a 5-0 vote.

17 Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on March 6, 2024,
18 was made by Trustee Politi. The motion was seconded by Trustee Simon and
19 approved with a 5-0 vote.

20 10. DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERLY REPORTS

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22 **11. REPORTS:**

23 Trustee Nicholson thanked the Arts and Humanities Advisory Council for putting
24 on another very successful jazz event, advised that the Dog Park is still closed,
25 but DPW will be working on getting the fencing up as soon as possible, they are
26 also working on the garden around the flag pole that has been adopted by our
27 Garden Club, the Recreation Advisory Committee has advised that CBDG
28 funding for the Dobbs Park which we were supposed to receive this spring has
29 been pushed to another year, John Sasso will be offering Boci lessons at Black
30 Rock Park, the Conservation Advisory Council is working on a Tree Policy, the
31 Town of Cortlandt will be hosting a repair cafe on Saturday, March 16th, and the
32 Clean Committee is working on a Senasqua Park clean-up for April 6th .

33 Trustee Simon advised that on March 1st, Ossining's Project Mover Bike Share
34 Program began road tests on different types of bicycles, on March 1st he
35 attended the first meeting connected to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant,
36 the Village's goal is to be part of this grant program, on March 4th Sustainable
37 Westchester held a meeting focusing on programs they are working on, they
38 are also working on getting more consideration for funding for those
39 communities who have a "Pro Housing Community" designation, the Governor
40 announced a program called New York Swims that will accelerate swimming

1 facilities around the State, on March 7th he sat in on a forum by the Croton for
2 Excellence in Education that discussed housing, applications for Maple
3 Commons are now open and more information can be found on the Village's
4 web site, on March 25th he and Trustee Politi will be meeting with the Business
5 Community and announced the passing of John Giglio and Ronald Luposello,
6 both prominent residents of Croton.

7 Mayor Puth extended his condolences to the families of John Giglio and Ronald
8 Luposello, both of whom were lifelong members of the Croton Fire Department.

9 Mayor Pugh thanked the Clean Committee's service to the community and
10 emphasized that moving the Village's March election to November was
11 approved by the voters of Croton through a Referendum.

12 Village Manager Healy advised that the assessment of the CSX Railroad
13 property is set by New York State and not something that Croton has control
14 over, the MTA property is a Public Authority and is tax exempt, reminded
15 everyone that camp registration starts March 18th and because we do not have
16 access to the schools this year, enrollment capacity is less than it would
17 normally be, Con-Edison contractors will start working on Albany Post Road, the
18 erection of the solar canopy system near the salt shed will begin the first week
19 of April, early voting for the Presidential Primary will run from March 23rd-30th,
20 work at Dobbs Park has been postponed because the County has not received
21 their funding allocation from HUD, received the Conservation Advisory Council's
22 comments today on the Tree Law and will put it on next week's work session
23 agenda, met with the chair of the VEB on Monday, and he will be working on
24 changes to the existing legislation with respect to their duties, starting
25 tomorrow smoke testing will take place in the Nordica Sewer Pump Station
26 area.

27 A motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a proposed acquisition,
28 sale or lease of real property when publicity would substantially affect the value
29 thereof was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee
30 Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

31 There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to close the
32 meeting was made by Trustee Politi. The motion was seconded by Trustee
33 Simon and approved with a 5-0 vote.

34 The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

1 Respectfully submitted,
2 Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary
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4 Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk