

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 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 Simon
Village Manager Bryan Healy	Trustee Nicholson
Village Attorney Joshua B. Subin	Trustee Politi
Village Treasurer Genette Toone	

The following officials were absent:

Trustee Slippen

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 24254896-24255474*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 Vote.

General Fund	\$449,075.99
Water Fund	\$24,121.93
Sewer Fund	\$6,223.22
Capital Fund	\$92,986.11
Trust Fund	\$5,037.00

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Motion to open a Public Hearing on **Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2025 to transfer the authority for the issuance of special permits to the Planning Board** was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that he assumes the Village Board will retain the ultimate decisions on Planning and Zoning, but he believes this action is being taken because it consumes so much of the Village Board's time.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Motion to open a Public Hearing on ***Local Law Introductory No. 6 of 2025 to make various updates to Chapter 125, Fire Prevention, and Chapter 197, Streets and Sidewalks***, of the Village Code was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0.

Village Manager Healy gave an overview of the proposed Local Law; to view Village Manager Healy's memo, you may log onto the following:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-04/6afb91f97f51df2e11ef50be92801e6be617b3b5.pdf>

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Resolution #94-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS Local Law Introductory No. 6 of 2025 has been drafted to make various updates to Chapter 125, Fire Prevention, and Chapter 197, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Village Code, and

WHEREAS the proposed local law includes revisions to the fire inspection process, billing for sidewalk repairs and the placing of dumpsters/storage units in the right-of-way, and

WHEREAS the proposed local law is considered a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees opened and closed a public hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 6 of 2025 on May 14, 2025,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 6 of 2025, amending Chapter 125, Fire Prevention, and Chapter 197, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Village Code, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 7 of 2025.

4. *LWRP Consistency Review and EAF Part II Review for Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2025.*

Village Attorney Subin addressed a question whether the Village Board will retain the ultimate decisions on Planning and Zoning. Village Attorney Subin stated that the Village Board could not delegate any of their legislative authority without some type of Home Rule Legislation and the Village Board will continue to have their normal authority over Planning and Zoning as well as the authority to enact Local Laws.

Mayor Pugh stated that the theory behind Local Law #2 is the separation of powers, the legislative entity writes the code and a separate independent body interprets it in specific cases.

SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM PART 2 – IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning Regulations?	√	
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	√	
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	√	
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	√	
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	√	
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	√	
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	√	
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	√	
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	√	

9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	√	
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	√	
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	√	

LWRP Consistency Review

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	No				
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	No				

	increase the compatibility of power boat use with other forms of recreation use within the coastal zone area.					
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.	No				
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,	No				

	recreational, and other public uses and values. Its resources shall be protected from the threat of pollution, misuse, and 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.	No				
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	No				

	shall be made in a manner which ensures the protection of renewable fish and wildlife resources and considers other 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.	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	No				

	beaches, dunes, barrier islands and bluffs. Primary dunes will be protected from all encroachments that could impair their 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	No				

	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.					
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	No				

	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.					
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	No				

	significance, but which 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 limited to, toxic and hazardous substances, into coastal waters will conform to state and national water quality standards.	No				
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	No				

	from vessels will be limited so as to protect significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreational areas and water supply areas.					
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	No				

	and uses in the waterfront area involved in the treatment, storage and disposal of such materials.					
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				

5. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL - none.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that he supports the Village receiving a commendation for its Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation, but does not understand why the Village is not counting upgraded properties or Accessory Dwelling Units in the Village's target or goal for housing. Mr. Riley also acknowledged local hero Sojourner Truth, who authored a powerful book about her life as a slave in the Hudson Valley and encouraged everyone to read her book and suggested that the Board name something in her honor. Mr. Riely stated that the IDEA Committee has become very influential in our community and their meetings need to be open to the public. Mr. Riely stated that he is also outraged that a homeowner on Melrose Avenue is being charged \$12,000 for a Playground Fee.

Resolution Approving the Consent Agenda

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Politi the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson approved the Consent Agenda. Motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Trustee Simon stated that he is pleased that the Village is being recognized for all their hard work as detailed in the correspondence listed below.

Village Manager Healy addressed the comment regarding adding ADU's and single-family homes to our inventory. Village Manager Healy advised that all our information is submitted to the Census Bureau and every housing unit is counted for that purpose, the Village was also re-certified with the Pro-Housing Communities Program and as part of that re-certification they asked for an update of all our housing units that included ADU's, Accessory Apartments, as well as Single Family homes and Multi-Family units.

Village Manager Healy addressed a comment with regards to Parkland Fees, Village Manager Healy explained that even though the property on Melrose Avenue was already sub-divided, the property owner was still required to pay this fee since they are adding a new single-family home. Village Manager Healy stated that under this revised law, the Board put in a sliding scale that would reflect the type of development and the fee reflects the nature of this development.

Trustee Simon stated that he was at the meeting when this was addressed and the applicant stated that he understood this and fully supported it.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:

1. Membership Changes from the Croton Fire Department

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/80f673bf27b42657baac143c653f79884cc244af.pdf>

2. Letter from the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department requesting the acceptance of a donation of five laptops from State Farm Insurance and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/e00885f989ac7f9e27b0340934607175bcc9cd03.pdf>

3. Email from Hannah DiLiberto of the New York Conference of Mayors announcing the Village as the recipient of the Local Government Achievement Award for the train station solar canopy project.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/ae60a8cdf597464a6dc56e4a25cdf94b3fad0060.pdf>

4. Letter from Janet Giris of the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation announcing the Village as the recipient of a Commendation for its Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/574bac701e16dff08521372528a13b06f4c5cc7d.pdf>

5. Letter from Janet Giris of the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation announcing Christine Wagner as the recipient of the Citizen Planner Award for her work on the Village's Zoning Board of Appeals.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/634afdd08e4f2b734ef3b4e925b56ef145708088.pdf>

6. Email from Marie Roche of Teatown Lake Reservation requesting use of Silver Lake Park for a Trout Release on May 22, 2025.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/ce666559fce9be57c319344c01992ea5b8e32c19.pdf>

7. Email from Essence Britt-Reid on the Proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/41e122499bba6a9b178451658e3f638f743dd1cb.pdf>

8. Email from Cristina Alvarez-Arnold of the IDEA Committee requesting approval to fly the Juneteenth Flag at the Municipal Building.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/de8c5cea3a3f4393d7fd97cae530ca7b76ce2156.pdf>

b. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #95-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON and 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 4-0 vote.

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

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

WHEREAS this list was approved by the Village Board at its meeting of March 26, 2025, and posted for 30 days, and

WHEREAS the Mayor must sign off on the final list to be submitted to the program administrator, Penflex,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Sponsor Authorization Form for the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department Length of Service Award Program for 2024.

Resolution #96-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village provides taxi companies the opportunity to rent the spaces at the Croton-Harmon Train Station parking lot for the convenience of commuters and

WHEREAS the contract with Croton Harmon Car Service (dba J&S Taxi) is expiring, on May 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS an updated agreement has been drafted for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS the agreement provides for a rental fee of \$150 per space per month,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the agreement with Croton Harmon Car Service (dba J&S Taxi) for the period beginning June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2027.

Resolution #97-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS Local Law No. 3 of 2003 was approved at a regular Village Board Meeting held on October 7, 2003, and

WHEREAS this Local Law called for the setting of Village fees through Board Resolutions, and

WHEREAS the Village would like to establish a separate vendor fee for the upcoming Juneteenth event,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby amends the 2024-2025 Master Fee Schedule and 2025-2026 Master Fee Schedule as follows:

Events Fees

Juneteenth	§122-4	All vendors	\$25.00
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Resolution #98-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village would like to add Chapter 80, Bicycles and Scooters, and amend Chapter 219, Unlicensed Motor-Driven Vehicles, of the Village Code to allow for the operation of bicycles with electric assist, and electric scooters, and

WHEREAS the Village has been partnering with neighboring communities to launch Project MOVER, an e-bikeshare program designed to enhance mobility and provide environmentally friendly transportation alternatives, this year, and

WHEREAS the New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law requires municipalities to adopt such a law before a system such as Project MOVER can operate, and

WHEREAS the Village Board is considering the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 7 of 2025, which has been drafted for such purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing to be held on June 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 7 of 2025, to add Chapter 80, Bicycles and Scooters, and amend Chapter 219, Unlicensed Motor-Driven Vehicles, of the Village Code to allow for the operation of bicycles with electric assist and electric scooters.

Resolution #99-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village has received a special permit renewal application from Verizon Wireless for a colocation of the personal wireless services facility located at 26 Veterans Plaza in the Croton-Harmon Train Station parking lot, and

WHEREAS Chapter 206, Telecommunications Towers, of the Village Code requires the Board of Trustees to renew the special permit at five-year intervals to determine whether technology has changed, and

WHEREAS the initial special permit was issued in 2010, and was renewed in 2015 and 2020,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing on June 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider the

special permit renewal application from Verizon Wireless for a colocation of the personal wireless services facility located at 26 Veterans Plaza in the Croton-Harmon Train Station parking lot.

Resolution #100-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Recreation Department hires part-time personnel to teach various programs and classes throughout the year, and

WHEREAS due to changing regulations from the federal government, individuals that were previously paid as independent contractors are now being paid as part-time employees; and

WHEREAS the change in status requires a budget transfer within the Recreation Department budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer in the 2024-2025 General Fund budget:

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Increase:

A7140.1100	Comm. Rec. – P/T Personnel	\$3,000
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Decrease:

A7140.4000	Comm. Rec. - Contractual	\$3,000
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Resolution #101-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village has received \$65,000 in grant funds from NYSERDA related to energy efficiency projects, and

WHEREAS the Sustainability Committee has recommended that such funding be set aside for additional electric vehicle chargers at the train station parking lot, and

WHEREAS the funds must be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Fund so they will be available in the next fiscal year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer:

CAPITAL FUND REVENUES

Increase:

H1000.3097.25513	State Aid – EV Chargers	\$65,000
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GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Decrease:

A1000.3089	State Aid - Other	\$65,000
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c. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on May 7, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

8. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #102-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS on December 4, 2023, the Village Board of Trustees approved the renewal of a special permit for the operation of a motor vehicle repair garage at 485 S. Riverside Avenue, and

WHEREAS this special permit is set to expire June 15, 2025, and must be renewed in accordance with the Zoning Chapter of the Village Code, and

WHEREAS Marco Ordonez, the owner of M & J Auto Repair Corp., has submitted a special permit renewal application with the appropriate fee, and

WHEREAS renewal of the special permit does not require an environmental review,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby refers the renewal of the special permit application for a motor vehicle repair garage to the Village Planning Board for a recommendation back to the Village Board of Trustees as required by law.

Resolution #103-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS Village Law § 7-724 provides for the ability of a Village to adopt an official map showing the streets, highways and parks theretofore laid out, and

WHEREAS revisions to the official map of the Village were last adopted on January 24, 2024, and

WHEREAS the Village has received an offer of dedication for a portion of Jasper Road,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby refers the official map of the Village to the Planning Board for review and comment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing on June 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider the adoption of the official map of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, as revised.

Resolution #104-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, from time to time, receives permits from the New York State Dept. of Transportation (NYSDOT), and

WHEREAS these permits are in conjunction with work affecting state highways that run through the Village, and

WHEREAS the NYSDOT has provided an undertaking form for the benefit of the New York State Dept. of Transportation, and

WHEREAS this agreement is generally required to perform permitted work within and along the state's right-of-way,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the NYSDOT Form PERM 1, Undertaking for the Benefit of the New York State Dept. of Transportation.

Resolution #105-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Buchanan does not currently have a dog control officer, and

WHEREAS the Village of Buchanan and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson ("the Villages") have a long history of working together, and

WHEREAS the Village of Buchanan has requested that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson provide dog control services for their community, and

WHEREAS an intermunicipal agreement has been drafted for a term of one year to authorize the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to provide these services to the Village of Buchanan, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Villages to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS in addition to the base cost of \$1,200, the Village of Buchanan would be responsible for any overtime incurred by the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for dog control services in their community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the dog control intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Buchanan for the period of one year.

Resolution #106-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has received grant funding in the amount of \$425,000 from NYSERDA to fund sustainable energy projects in the Village, and

WHEREAS the Village is exploring the feasibility of installing a solar canopy at the DPW Garage, and

WHEREAS Sustainable Westchester has supplied an agreement to provide project management services in the amount of \$4,000, and

WHEREAS Lindsay Audin, the chair of the Village's Sustainability Committee, will assist Sustainable Westchester in managing the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the agreement with Sustainable Westchester in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that such expense shall be charged to account T94002.

Resolution #107-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson is desirous of retaining a firm to assist with locating grant opportunities for Village projects and completing the necessary tasks to apply for such grants, and

WHEREAS the Village has received a proposal from Nelson Pope and Voorhis ("NPV") of Suffern, New York, to provide such services, and

WHEREAS NPV has also provided a proposal to conduct application reviews for the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS the retaining of a planning consultant was one of the seven tasks identified by the Engineering Department review plan undertaken by the Village, and

WHEREAS all costs related to application reviews for the Planning Board will be borne by the applicant,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the agreement with Nelson Pope and Voorhis of Suffern, New York.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Healy explained that Nelson Pope and Voorhis has worked with a number of communities in Westchester County and they have been particularly successful in securing large grants from New York State, we were impressed with their presentation and having their expertise will be beneficial to the Village.

Resolution #108-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson solicited sealed bids for the Harmon Firehouse HVAC system under Bid No. 3-2025, and

WHEREAS on February 26, 2025, the Village Board awarded the bid to HVAC Now Inc. in the amount of \$150,000, and

WHEREAS it has since been determined that the size of the condensing units needs to be increased from 14-ton to 16-ton, and

WHEREAS it has further been determined to use ceiling hung units instead of wall-mounted units for the system, and

WHEREAS HVAC Now has submitted a change order in the amount of \$32,000 for this work,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 with HVAC Now Inc. in the amount of \$32,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this project has been allocated in capital accounts H3410.2102.09190 and H4540.2102.23445.

Resolution #109-2025

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

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has requested authorization for the adjudication of traffic control signal indications, commonly known as a red-light camera system, and

WHEREAS such a system would be limited to no more than three intersections in the Village, and

WHEREAS Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg has introduced bill A8360 in the State Assembly to authorize the adjudication of traffic control signal indications in the Village, and

WHEREAS State Senator Peter Harckham has introduced companion bill S7791 in the State Senate regarding same, and

WHEREAS the Village is required to formally submit a home rule request to the legislature,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby requests authorization for the adjudication of traffic control signal indications, commonly known as a red-light camera system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this home rule request be sent to State Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg and State Senator Peter Harckham.

Resolution #110-2025

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

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has requested the ability to collect a 3% occupancy tax on hotels and motels, including short-term rentals, and

WHEREAS Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg has introduced bill A8348 in the State Assembly to authorize the imposition of a hotel/motel occupancy tax in the Village, and

WHEREAS State Senator Peter Harckham has introduced companion bill S7790 in the State Senate regarding same, and

WHEREAS the Village is required to formally submit a home rule request to the legislature,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby requests permission to collect a 3% occupancy tax on hotels and motels, including short-term rentals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this home rule request be sent to State Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg and State Senator Peter Harckham.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Healy stated that many municipalities through New York State and Westchester have received this authorization, and because it has been expanded to short-term rentals it behooves Croton to get the authority to consider it. Village Manager Healy advised that this law does not apply to regular residential rentals, there is a clause in the law that if you are staying in a place for more than three months, it would not apply.

Resolution 111-2025

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

WHEREAS the Village recently had to repave a portion of the RiverWalk at Croton Landing, and

WHEREAS the repaving was necessary due to damage caused by tree roots uplifting portions of the walkway and high tides from storm events undermining portions of the walkway, and

WHEREAS funding for such work was not included in the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget as follows:

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase

A7110.4000	Parks – Contractual	\$11,343.30
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GENERAL REVENUES

Increase

A1000.2401	Interest & Earnings	\$11,343.30
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Resolution #112-2025

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

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees approved the execution of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement ("Agreement") with Maple Commons, and

WHEREAS the first payment under this Agreement was received in April 2025, and

WHEREAS the Village received the full payment and is responsible for paying out the other taxing entities under the terms of the Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget as follows:

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase

A1955.4000	Payments in Lieu of Taxes – Contractual	\$19,954.79
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GENERAL REVENUES

Increase

A1000.1081	Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$19,954.79
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9. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, addressed his concerns regarding sign pollution throughout the Village, commended the Village on the beautiful job at Gotwald Circle, and addressed abortion issues, to hear Mr. Riley's comments in its entirety you may log onto the following: <https://play.champds.com/crotononhudsonny/event/1048> (00.48.41).

10. REPORTS:

Trustee Politi emphasized that all committee meetings are noticed and open to the public including the IDEA committee and stressed that everyone should do their own research regarding comments made this evening on abortion.

Trustee Nicholson advised that the Gouveia Sub-Committee Task Force met and went over some architectural drawings, thanked the Conservation Advisory Council for putting together a fantastic Earth Day celebration, the Lorraine Hansberry Committee had a wonderful presentation at the Unitarian Church which will continue through this weekend, for more information you may log onto <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-clark-legacy-closing-reception-a-conversation-with-dr-laruth-gray-tickets-1359283857609>, the bike giveaway was a huge success and thanked the Police Department, Police Advisory Committee and Croton Caring for putting this wonderful program together.

Trustee Simon advised that on April 24th he attended the annual meeting of Sustainable Westchester, on April 25th he attended a presentation at PVC by Scarlett Lewis, the mother of Jessie Lewis who was killed during the Sandy Hook shootings in 2012, Ms. Lewis has created the "Choose Love Movement" and speaks to Middle Schools throughout the country to address the causes that lead to rage and violence, on April 25th a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for La Catrina, trees were planted at Gotwald Circle in recognition of Arbor Day and thanked our DPW crew and Garden Club for their assistance, on April 26th a successful Drug Take Back Day was held and thanked the Rotary and Police Department for their hard work in putting this together, advised that we received a check from the IRS as part of the "Inflation Reduction Act for the Washington Engine solar roof project and thanked Lindsay Audin and our Finance Department who worked with the IRS in getting these funds, attended the Fire Council Meeting on April 29th, on May 6th the Planning Board continued their hearing on the 1 Croton Point Avenue project, on May 7th a meeting was held with our local businesses, Westchester Municipal Officials Association held their monthly meeting last week where the County Executive addressed budgetary impacts as a reflection of what is going on in Washington, and on May 10th he attended the Bennett Conservatory 75th Anniversary celebration.

Village Attorney Subin stated that the IDEA Committee is an advisory committee and they do not have delegated authority under law, under those circumstances, as a purely advisory committee, they do not necessarily fall

under the Open Meetings Law and while the law does not require them to conduct meetings in public, he understands they do.

Mayor Pugh congratulated the Conservation Advisory Council on a wonderful Earth Day celebration, thanked the Croton Caring Committee, Police Advisory Committee and Police Department for the successful bike give-away, met with the Conservation Advisory Council and discussed the continued review of possible Dark Skies legislation and received an update on the Natural Resource Inventory which is being conducted jointly with the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Croton, reminded everyone that enforcement of our leaf blowing and idling laws are in effect, a clean-up organized by the Conservation Advisory Council will be held this Saturday, 9am, for more information you may log onto the Village's web site.

Resolution:

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Nicholson the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Orit Daly to the Arts and Humanities Council.

Village Manager Healy advised that a Hoedown will be held on May 17th with a May 18th rain date, this Sunday our Village Historian will lead a history walk at Croton Landing followed by the HEART Committee's Plaque Dedication for Ed Rondthaler, next Friday Shoprite will be honoring our Veterans at the Fox Eklof America Legion Post 505 where they will be presenting them with a \$5,000 check, on May 26th Village offices will be closed for Memorial Day and the Village will hold their Memorial Day ceremony at 11am at Veterans Corners.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson approved with a 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk