

TOWN OF SOUTHEAST
1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509
Thursday, May 7, 2020
WORK SESSION / REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Tony Hay
Councilman John Lord
Councilman Eric Larca - Absent
Councilman John O'Connor
Councilman Edwin Alvarez

Also: Town Clerk Michele Stancati
Town Attorney Willis H. Stephens Jr.

This meeting took place by videoconferencing, Zoom, and was recorded and posted on the Town of Southeast website. Minutes were taken by Cathy Chiudina.

Present: Supervisor Hay, Councilman Alvarez, Councilman Larca, Councilman Lord, Councilman O'Connor, Town Clerk Michele Stancati, Town Council Willis Stephens

PUBLIC HEARING:

WORK SESSION:

Supervisor Hay: Tonight, there is nothing in the work session. Actually, tonight there is a very limited agenda, which is a good thing and a bad thing.

REGULAR SESSION:

Supervisor Hay: The first item is a motion to set a Public Hearing for 2019-2020 MS-4 Annual Report Stormwater Management Plan for 5/21/20, so moved.

Councilman Alvarez: Second.

Supervisor Hay: All in favor?

Board: Aye.

Supervisor Hay: Number 2 is a motion to set a Public Hearing for Northwood Tree Care, it's a Special Permit for again May 21, 2020, so moved.

Councilman Lord: Second.

Supervisor Hay: All in favor?

Board: Aye.

Supervisor Hay: Number 3 is a Resolution Special Permit request for Classic M&J Properties. I'm going to move to table that item. There are a few zoning issues that need to be resolved before it moves forward. So, I will move as a table; is there a second?

Councilman Alvarez: Second.

Supervisor Hay: All in favor?

Board: Aye.

Supervisor Hay: The last item on the agenda, it's a Resolution for the 9- day extension of all Building Permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that any and all Town of Southeast Building Permits issued prior to March 15, 2020 shall automatically be extended by ninety (90) days at no additional cost to the permittee

Supervisor Hay: The reason for that is obvious; there has been no construction and this way they have will have permits extended by 9- days. I'll move it.

Councilman Alvarez: I'll second.

Supervisor Hay: Discussion?

Boardmember Lord: This is building permits only? Not special permits or other things?

Supervisor Hay: Building permits only. Special permits can come in at another time, but right now it's building permits only. The others can be extended and there's already a process for them to be extended accordingly, but this would be at no charge. Any further discussion? All in favor?

Board: Aye.

Supervisor Hay: I had not received any public comment for this evening's meeting. Anyone from the Town Board?

Councilman Alvarez: Just want to wish all the mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day and that everyone continues to stay safe.

Supervisor Hay: I think we'll all second that. Is there any other comment from anyone?

Councilman O'Connor: I have comment. New York State has separated New York State into 10 different regions as far as how they are going to open things and the Health Department is getting feedback as far as the criteria as to how they are going to open basically the private sector or everything but government. So far there are four major criteria that not any region currently in the State can meet that criteria. So, we are looking at until such time as Putnam County area, which is tied with the Mid-Hudson region, which consists of Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties as well as us. Until we can keep the amount of deaths, the amount of new cases under a certain rolling average for over three days...we do meet the hospital capacity for the area right now just as Putnam, I don't know about the whole region right now. We also have a couple of other criteria. Once we get to that criteria, the first phase would be to bring back, as the Governor's office is putting out right now, is they would bring back manufacturing and heavy industrial first so it's going to be a while before you see retail, restaurants, businesses such as that eventually open up. We're looking at still weeks to months before we'll see anything like that. You can find that on the State website so if anyone is looking to get further updates on the information if you go to the Governor's office and also on the State Department of Health it will show you that criteria, which you can see how far we have to get we as a region can meet that. Another big thing that they're doing is the contact tracing, they need to have at least 30 contact tracers, which are people that would just simply trace any contacts that a person with a positive hit for COVID had and they'll be supervisors and coordinators that would oversee 20 of those individuals. They are hiring for that right now so if anyone is looking for a job, they're looking for people to do that as a State initiative. We have to have as a region, per each 100,000 people, we have to have a minimum of 30 contact tracers. Putnam County as a whole has about 100,000 residents and, for example, Westchester has about a million residents. You can see more about that on the Governor's website.

Supervisor Hay: OK, thank you. Anyone else?

Councilman Lord: Tony, just wondering, how did the E-Waste go this weekend?

Supervisor Hay: Well, it was exceptional only because we didn't have one last month. We had our most, I think we had like 66 and there were like 6 major items brought in, which are items over 50 lb. which is quite a bit. It went very well. We have a new shed. Mike Burdick's crew down there made a shed for us so it has windows, a fan, heat in the winter time, and they have a roof on it so if it rains, they're covered.

Councilman Lord: Good.

Supervisor Hay: I just want to thank all those that have been going out and cleaning up the environment. John, you're instrumental in getting that done. We still have bags; we still have gloves; just register and contact myself. We'll provide them to you and we're looking for pictures of the event when you go out to do that. It's on our Town website and we call it Earth Day and Beyond Volunteers. Again, thank you all. I see a couple faces here that have gone out there and thank you.

Councilman Lord: Thanks for going forward with this Tony, thanks for your supervising it at Town Hall giving out the bags and everything. Thanks a lot.

Supervisor Hay: Just living up to my name and reputation: Supervisor. OK, anything else? To those of you tuned in tonight, thank you for coming. I will entertain a motion.

Councilman Alvarez: I will make a motion to Close tonight's meeting.

Supervisor Hay: Is there a second?

Councilman Larca: I'll second.

Supervisor Hay: All in favor?

Board: Aye.

Supervisor Hay: Thank you all for coming and again Happy Mother's Day to all.

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<http://www.southeast-ny.gov/370/Town-Board-Zoom-Meeting-Videos-Starting->

RESOLUTION NO. 26 / 2020 NINETY DAY EXTENSION OF BUILDING PERMITS

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Hay

SECONDED BY: Councilman Alvarez

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Pandemic is wreaking havoc with the world and local economies, and

WHEREAS, sometime in mid-March 2020, the Governor of NYS identified the construction industry as a non-essential service and all construction projects with more than one employee ground to a halt, and

WHEREAS, recognizing this closure will have negative affect on a project by delaying the completion of the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that any and all Town of Southeast Building Permits issued prior to March 15, 2020 shall automatically be extended by ninety (90) days at no additional cost to the permittee

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Alvarez	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Larca	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lord	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman O'Connor	<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor Hay	<u>Aye</u>

VOTE: Resolution passed, by a vote of 5, to 0, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Stancati
Southeast Town Clerk