

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
December 20, 2021**

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, December 20, 2021 via videoconference at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steven Weinberg, Deputy Mayor James Sharkey, Trustee Jill Monoson, Trustee To-on Pang, Trustee Burton Weston, Village Attorney A. Thomas Levin

Absent: None

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Weinberg read the following statement regarding the procedures for this meeting:

“Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, and pursuant to New York State law, this meeting of the Board of Trustees is not being held in person.

The Board is meeting by videoconferencing. The meeting will be recorded and a transcription will be provided at a later date. The public has the opportunity to observe this meeting live online and to submit comments, pursuant to instructions given on the Village website and in the meeting notice.

The Village Administrator will now call the roll for attendance at this meeting by members of the Commission and relevant Village staff.”

The Village Administrator called the roll.

A quorum of the Board was in attendance and the Board began the business of the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Weinberg noted changes to resolution 21-123, adopted December 13, 2021.

RESOLUTION 21-127

Upon motion of Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Trustee Monoson, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on December 13, 2021 are hereby approved and accepted as presented.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Sharkey:	Aye
	Trustee Monoson:	Aye	Trustee Pang:	Aye
	Trustee Weston:	Aye		

Public hearing on Bill T2021G

At 7:35 p.m. the Mayor opened the public hearing on Bill T2021G, a local law to repeal Village of Thomaston Local Law 3-2021 and announce that the Village did not receive a response from the Nassau County Planning Commission and more than thirty (30) days since Bill T2021G was submitted to the Commission.

Mayor Weinberg noted that Village received a petition via email at approximately 4:00 p.m. today that were collected to oppose the incentive zoning application and demolition of the historic Tower Ford Building. This email message and petition is attached to these minutes.

The Mayor invited comments from the public. The following members of the public spoke: Robert Martin, Wenjie Chen, Eric Freeman, Wendy Halpern, Sara Blumenstein, Ronnie Krowne, Nancy Sherman, Lynn Zysman, Ellen Mones, Alka Jain, Nancy Solomon, Aaron Halpern, Ronald Brinn, Karl Schutte, Julie Georgopoulos, Olivia Pinsley and Lyda Zissimatos. Many of the comments provided referred to the procedure and history of adoption of Local Law 3-2021, the withdrawn incentive zoning application and the Landmark Preservation Commission meeting scheduled for January 4, 2021 regarding requests for landmark designation of 124 S. Middle Neck Road, none of which were the subject matter of this public hearing.

Several members of the public did comment in favor of Bill T2021G. There were no comments in opposition to Bill T 2021G. After all interested parties were heard, the public hearing was closed.

For a full text of all comments, please refer to the recording and transcription of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 21-127

At 9:49 p.m. the following resolution was adopted:

Upon motion of Trustee Monoson, seconded by Trustee Weston, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on Bill T2021G is hereby closed.

The vote on this resolution was:	Mayor Weinberg:	Aye	Deputy Mayor Sharkey:	Aye
	Trustee Monoson:	Aye	Trustee Pang:	Aye
	Trustee Weston:	Aye		

Adoption of Local Law 5-2021

RESOLUTION 21-128

Upon motion of Mayor Weinberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharkey, and unanimously approved, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomaston duly adopted a resolution to schedule a public hearing with respect to proposed local law Bill T 2021G - A local law to repeal Village of Thomaston Local Law 3-2021, and

WHEREAS, included in the aforesaid November 16, 2021 resolution was a determination that the Board of Trustees is the Lead Agency for review of the proposed legislation pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, classifying the said proposed legislation as an Unlisted Action, and issuing a Negative SEQRA Declaration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to legal notice duly published and posted as required by law, the Board of Trustees duly held and concluded a public hearing on December 20, 2021, with respect to the proposed adoption of such local law, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has considered all comments and information received with respect to the adoption of such proposed local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts Bill T 2021G as Local 5-2021, effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State as required pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

The vote on this resolution was: Mayor Weinberg: Aye Deputy Mayor Sharkey: Aye
Trustee Monoson: Aye Trustee Pang: Aye
Trustee Weston: Aye

Adjournment

At 9:54 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Weston, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharkey, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowland
Village Administrator