

**PUBLIC HEARING 5.1.18 – 6:30 PM
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
“ANNEXATION OF LAND T/M SLB#1-2-33”**

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY on a proposed Introductory Local Law entitled “Annexation of Land”. The purpose of this local law is to annex vacant Village-owned land located in the Town of Monroe into the municipal boundaries of the Village of Monroe for the purpose of preserving open space and expanding Smith’s Clove Park. The property is identified on the Town of Monroe Tax as Section 1, Block 2, Lot 33 and is comprised of 22.8 acres of vacant land and is located at Route 17 and Schunnemunk Street.

**Present: Deputy Mayor Conklin, Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Also present: Attorney Terhune, Village Clerk Baxter, and Deputy Clerk Zahra**

Absent: Mayor Dwyer (personal)

There was 1 person from the public present for the Public Hearing. There was no written correspondence received. The Public Hearing was left open for 15 minutes.

With no further questions, on a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Alley and carried, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:45 PM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018
(www.villageofmonroe.org)**

The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, New York. Deputy Mayor Conklin called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

**Present: Deputy Mayor Conklin; Trustees Alley, Behringer, and Houle
Also present: Attorney Terhune, Village Clerk Baxter and Deputy Clerk Zahra**

Absent: Mayor Dwyer (personal)

MOTION TO OPEN MEETING:

At the suggestion of Attorney Terhune, a motion was made by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Houle, and the May 1, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Trustees was duly opened at 7:00PM.

**Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None**

MINUTE APPROVAL: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING APRIL 2nd , MEETINGS OF APRIL 3rd & 17th , SPECIAL MEETINGS OF APRIL 2th & 26th

On a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the Annual Organization Meeting of April 2nd were approved.

**Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None**

On a motion by Trustee Alley seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the April 3rd Meeting were approved.

**Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None**

On a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Alley, the Minutes of the April 12th Special Meeting were approved.

**Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None**

On a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the April 17th Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None
Abstain: Trustee Conklin (absent)

On a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Alley, the Minutes of the April 26th Special Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS / MODIFICATIONS:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer seconded by Trustee Houle, with all in favor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized the Treasurer to make the following fund transfers / modifications to balance the budget:

From:	Description	To:	Description	Amount
			None	
Budget Modifications				
A.1560	Safety Inspection Fees	A.1440.450	Engineering Contractual	3,064.00
A.2115	Planning Board Fees	A.8025.450	Plan Bd Enginner Contract	3,452.00

**COMPLETING THE SEQRA PROCESS FOR INTRO. LOCAL LAW 5 OF 2018
“ANNEXATION OF LAND T/M SLB#1-2-33:**

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2018, the Village of Monroe requested that the Town of Monroe consent to the annexation into the Village of 22.8 acres of vacant land owned by the Village but located in the Town (the “Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2018, the Town, consented to said annexation; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2018, the Village Board adopted an ORDER OF ANNEXATION; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (the “Board”) is the only Agency authorized to effectuate the annexation of land into its territorial borders and is, therefore, the only agency authorized to act as lead agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Board caused a Short Environmental Assessment Form (“SEAF”) to be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Board has thoroughly reviewed and analyzed Part 1 of the SEAF and with knowledge of the aforesaid Parcel and with the intent to expand Smith’s Clove Park by the addition of said Parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Board has analyzed the potential areas of environmental concern associated with the proposed action in accordance with procedures set forth at 6 NYCRR § 617.7 implementing SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board consequently finds that the annexation of vacant land into the territorial boundaries of the Village with the purpose of expanding Smith’s Clove Park will not have a significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. Impacts on Land. There will be no construction on or alteration of the Parcel.
2. Impacts on Geological Features. The Parcel will remain open space.

3. **Impacts on Surface Water.** Although the Parcel contains wetlands, mere annexation, without more, will not impact surface waters.
4. **Impacts on Ground Water.** The Parcel will not be developed, therefore, there will be no impact on ground water.
5. **Impact on Flooding.** The Parcel will not be developed, therefore, there will be no increase of stormwater runoff.
6. **Impacts on Air.** The project does not include a state regulated air emission source.
7. **Impacts on Plants and Animals.** There are no species of animal, or associated habitats, listing by the State or Federal Government located in or around the project site. Therefore, the project will not have a significant environmental impact on plants and animals. The Parcel will not be developed, therefore, there will be no impact on plants or animals as a result of the annexation.
8. **Impact on Agricultural Resources.** The project site is not located on or near agricultural resources.
9. **Impact on Aesthetic Resources.** The Parcel will not be developed, therefore, there will be no impact on aesthetic resources as a result of the annexation.
10. **Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources.** The Parcel will not be developed, therefore, there will be no impact historic or archaeological resources resources as a result of the annexation.
11. **Impact on Open Space and Recreation.** The Parcel will remain open space and will be included in the Village's Smith's Clove Park system.
12. **Impact on Critical Environmental Areas.** The site is not located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area.
13. **Impact on Transportation.** The Parcel will not be developed or improved and will not impact transportation.
14. **Impact on Energy.** The Parcel will remain open space and will not impact energy consumption.
15. **Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light.** The Parcel will remain open space and will not emit noise, odor or light.
16. **Impact on Human Health.** The project will not expose humans to new or existing sources of contaminants.
17. **Consistency with Community Plans.** The project is consistent with the zoning and comprehensive plan.
18. **Consistency with Community Character.** The inclusion of and permanent protection of open space within the Village improves community character.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the foregoing, the Board of Trustee of the Village of Monroe determines that the action will not have a significant adverse effect upon the environment and an environmental impact statement will not be required.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Negative Declarations is issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environment Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Title of Action: Annexation of vacant property

SEQRA Status: Unlisted Action

Negative Declaration: Yes

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Description of Action: SEQRA Resolution adopting a Negative Declaration for the annexation of vacant Village-owned property into the Village.

Location: The property located at Route 17 and Schunnemunk Street, identified on the Village Tax Map as Section 1, Block 2, Lot 33.

Contact Person: Neil S. Dwyer, Mayor
Village of Monroe
7 Stage Road
Monroe, NY 10950
(845) 782-8341

LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2018 / ANNEXATION OF LAND (TOWN OF MONROE SLB# 1-2-33):

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Houle, it was:

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law, titled “ANNEXATION OF LAND,” was introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe on April 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly published and posted, a hearing was held on said Local Law on May 1, 2018, whereat public discussion was heard concerning the merits of said Local Law and after hearing from all those present wishing to speak and acknowledging that no written comments had been received, the Board of Trustees declared the public hearing closed; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the Short Environmental Assessment Form, the Board of Trustees issued a Negative Declaration dated May 1, 2018 pursuant to the regulations implementing the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) requiring no further SEQRA action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law, titled “ANNEXATION OF LAND,” of the Village of Monroe be and hereby is adopted on May 1, 2018, as Local Law No. 5 of 2018 of the Village of Monroe.

**LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2018
ANNEXATION OF LAND**

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe, County of Orange, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Findings, Purpose and intent.

The Village Board of Trustees finds and determines that the public interest would be served by the inclusion within the boundary of the Village of Monroe Village-owned vacant property located within the Town of Monroe, which property adjoins Smith’s Clove Park such that Smith’s Clove Park can be expanded by the addition of said property and such that the entirety of Smith’s Clove Park can be located within the Village.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under the New York State Constitution and Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and pursuant to Article 17 of the General Municipal Law.

Section 3. Chapter A205, titled, “Annexation of Land,” of the Code of the Village of Monroe is hereby amended by adding Article III as follows:

Article III. Land Annexed in 2018.

§ 205-7. Description of Land:

The Village of Monroe shall contain, on and after the effective date of this article,

in addition to the territory theretofore contained within its boundaries, the following described territory:

A. All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Monroe, County of Orange and State of New York identified on the Town of Monroe Tax Map as Section 1, Block 2, Lot 33, and more particularly described as follows:

1. It being the intent to describe and annex into the Village of Monroe all the lands of the Village of Monroe, described in Liber 1401, Page 382; Liber 1537, Page 22; Liber 1723, Page 139.
2. Containing 22.8 acres.

Section 4. Supersession, of Inconsistent Laws, if any:

The Village Board of Trustees hereby declares its legislative intent to supersede any provision of any local law, rule, or regulation and any provision of the state Village Law or other special law that may be declared inconsistent or in conflict with this local law. The courts are specifically requested to take notice of this legislative intent and apply such intent in the event the Village has failed to specify any provision of law that may require supersession. The Village Board hereby declares that it would have enacted this local law and superseded such provision had it been apparent.

Section 5. Severability:

If any section, part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person, property or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the section, part, provision or application directly and expressly adjudged invalid and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof,

Section 6. Effective Date:

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

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

RESIGNATION: LUKE J. FREMGEN, DETECTIVE:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Luke Fremgen, Detective, of the Monroe Police Department effective 5/7/18. The Board wished Luke the best in his future endeavors with the New York State Police. Discussion followed.

Deputy Mayor Conklin stated that Mr. Fremgen would be missed. He has been a great Detective and a great Officer, and a huge asset to the Village of Monroe. Deputy Mayor Conklin wished him luck in the next chapter of his life as well as safety and health.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

2018 VILLAGE OF MONROE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES & THE MILL PONDS:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the Monroe Activities Committee Events Application for the nine (9) outdoor concerts, on seven (7) days, to be held at the north side of the Lake Street between the Mill Ponds on the following dates:

June 9 & 23, 2018 (double header)
July 7 & 21, 2018
August 4 (double header, part of the Carnival), 11 & 25, 2018

Concerts begin at 7PM and end at approximately 8:30PM.

In conjunction with the 2018 Concert Series, the Activities Committee will be hosting a street fair on Lake Street between the Mill Ponds one hour prior to the start of each scheduled concert. Lake Street will be closed between the Mill Ponds to allow for vendor, stage and sound setup. Both the Building and Police Departments have reviewed and approved the application.

The Street Fair and Concert Series is promoted by the Monroe Activities Committee working for and through the Village Board. Marshall & Sterling Insurance, the Monroe PD, Monroe Fire District and Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp will be copied on the response letter.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Trustee Houle stated that the Monroe Free Library had reached out to her and expressed an interest in developing a relationship with Village Hall, and with the Board's approval would be happy to set up a meeting with them.

Trustee Behringer stated that she went to the Coffee with a Cop event hosted by the Monroe Police Department. She continued that it was a great event with a lot of participants and it was a great opportunity for the community to see what a great Police Force we have.

Trustee Alley shared that she spent the evening with the Village's DPW and Water Departments on Friday, April 27, 2018 while they dug trenches to replace piping. The event went smoothly, better than anticipated.

PUBLIC COMMENT: # PRESENT 3 TIME: 7:15 PM

Resident Tim Mitts reminded the Board that he has a petition before them and he would like to set a meeting to work out the issues at hand. Mr. Mitts stated that they are at the tail end of the repairs on the house but there are some matters that need to be taken care of.

Mr. Mitts stated that he would like to open Rest Haven up to the students again this year for prom pictures but with stricter restrictions. Mr. Mitts acknowledged that there was an issue with parking on the streets but he feels that something can be worked out with the Monroe Police Department if we can work together as a team. Mr. Mitts stated that the kids really enjoyed themselves last year and the event was a huge success.

Mr. Mitts shared with the Board that he has received an email from the American Foundation of the Blind. They are looking into writing another blog this year about Rest Haven, what has gone on with the home and its connection to the Foundation. Mr. Mitts encouraged the Board to get involved, this is the people's house, this is Monroe's house, and this is Monroe's history. Mr. Mitts thinks this is a good stepping stone to build that sense of community that the Board has been talking about. Trustee Conklin commended Mr. Mitts on his passion and his willingness to always open his home to the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Alley, with all in favor, the meeting was closed at 7:20 PM. Following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session for Advice of Counsel to discuss pending litigation.

Executive Session Minutes compiled by Deputy Mayor Conklin.

OPEN SESSION: on a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 8:40 PM.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for three (3) seasonal, fulltime Laborer positions to assist the Village of Monroe Public Works Department from June 4, 2018

through September 14, 2018 at the hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour. Valid driver's license is required. The Orange County Application for Employment can be found on the Village's website or in the Village Clerk's Office.

**Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None**

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ann-Margret Baxter
Village Clerk**