

**Town Board Workshop Meeting
February 9, 2022 7:30 p.m.
Philipstown Town Hall
238 Main Street, Cold Spring**

AGENDA

- 1. Resolution establishing a “Food Scrap Recycling Program”, establishing a “Food Scrap Recycling Committee” (consisting of 2 Climate Smart Task Force Volunteers and 2 Town Board Representatives), and appointing Erik Brown and Karen Ertl as the Climate Task Force Representatives and Councilman Angell and Councilwoman Farrell as the Town Board Representative committee members. (ROLL CALL VOTE)**
- 2. ARPA discussion with representative(s) from consulting firm.**
- 3. Adjournment.**

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, food waste accounts for a substantial portion of municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, composting food waste is a method to recycle food waste by turning such scraps into a nutrient-rich soil amendments while meaningfully reducing the amount of municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, there currently are limited options available to Town residents to recycle food scraps beyond backyard composting which may not be practical for many homeowners and which is not viable for recycling many types of food waste such as meat, fish, dairy, bread, rice, pasta oils, bones and shells; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it a proposal to provide residents with the opportunity to recycle food waste by delivering it to a centralized drop-off site at which it would be picked up weekly by a commercial hauler and brought to a compost facility at which the food waste will be processed into compost; and

WHEREAS, under the said proposal it is necessary for the Town Board to create an ad-hoc committee consisting of two (2) Climate Smart Task Force Volunteers and two (2) Town Board representatives to set up, implement, and oversee the food waste recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated start-up cost of the said food waste recycling program is estimated to be \$2,500, with annual operating expenses estimated at approximately \$5,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown does hereby establish a "Food Scrap Recycling Program" under which the Town shall secure a location for residents to deliver food waste which will be picked up weekly by a commercial hauler and brought to a compost facility at which the food waste will be processed into compost;

2. That the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown does hereby establish a "Food Scrap Recycling Committee" which shall consist of (2) Climate Smart Task Force Volunteers and two (2) Town Board representatives. Committee members shall be appointed by the Town Board, shall serve without compensation, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board. Committee members shall be subject to reappointment at the Town's annual reorganization meeting.

3. The Town Board hereby appoints Erik Brown and Karen Ertl as the Climate Smart Task Force Representatives to the Food Scrap Recycling Committee and appoints Councilman Angell and Councilwoman Farrell as the Town Board Representative committee members;

4. The Food Scrap Recycling Committee shall be tasked with the following activities:

- (A.) Drafting a written definition of the Food Scrap Recycling Program for review and approval by the Town Board;
- (B.) Locating and recommending a site for food waste drop offs and advising the Town Board on how to secure the right to use the said location as a site for residents to deliver their food waste for recycling;
- (C.) Contacting at least three (3) commercial haulers to obtain quotes on waste hauling services in accordance with the Town's procurement policy;
- (D.) Locating and recommending a compost facility at which the collected food waste will be delivered and processed into compost;
- (C.) After the Town Board has secured the right for residents to deliver food waste to a central location, and has contracted with a commercial hauler to transport the food waste, and has entered an agreement with a compost facility to accept delivery of the collected food waste and to process it into compost, the Food Scrap Recycling Committee shall oversee implementation of the program, shall monitor the service, address any issues, and regularly report on the status of the program to the Town Board.
- (D.) The Food Scrap Recycling Committee shall further be responsible for organizing public notice of the Food Scrap Recycling Program, including such public education and outreach initiatives to residents as it may deem advisable.

_____ presented the foregoing resolution which was
seconded by _____,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting _____

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting _____

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting _____

Megan Cotter, Councilwoman, voting _____

John VanTassel, Supervisor, voting _____