



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2022

Common Council Chambers

5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing: *for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2023 budget for the City of Poughkeepsie.*

6:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Public Hearing – November 21, 2022

Common Council Meeting – November 21, 2022

III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any items not listed on the printed agenda.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation from Charlia Frank, Inc. regarding a youth film project

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **R-22-88**, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on Recent Increase in Crime
2. **R-22-89**, Resolution Rejecting the Redistricting Commissions November 15, 2022 Map
3. **R-22-90**, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for the Revised Redistricting Commission Map 1B (last revised November 28, 2022)

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **FIRST READ: O-22-XX** – Ordinance Amending §13-175 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances Entitled “Stop Signs; Locations Designated” -
2. **FIRST READ: L-22-XX** – Local Law Amending Chapter 14.35 of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie Entitled Taxes – Partial Exemption Granted; Conditions – Senior Tax Exemption

XIII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **A COMMUNICATION FROM DESIREE KING, CASA & COMPEER PROGRAM MANAGER AT MENTAL HEALTH OF AMERICA,** Regarding Pershing Park
2. **A COMMUNICATION FROM THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS & LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE,** Regarding a Proposed Newly Designated Historic Landmark in the City of Poughkeepsie located at 299 Main St.
3. **FROM RICHARD & KAREN BURKE,** a notice of personal injury sustained on August 24, 2022.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:



ADDENDUM
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Common Council Chambers
Monday, December 5, 2022
6:30 P.M.

ADD:

XI. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. R-22-91,** Resolution To Set A Public Hearing Introducing a Local Law Amending Section 14.35 of the Administrative Code of The City of Poughkeepsie Entitled, “Taxes – Partial Exemption Granted; Conditions”

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-88)**

**INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN, COUNCILMEMBERS
DEICHLER, FLOWERS, JOHNSON, LONG, MENIST, PATTERSON-
THOMPSON, SHOOK**

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie is experiencing a recent increase in criminal activity and this is a matter of great concern to the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to hear from members of the public on the topic so that the City, in assistance with the community, can consider how to address these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie shall hold a public hearing to receive comments from the public concerning the recent increase in criminal activity on **Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm** in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York and the Chamberlain is hereby directed to publish proper notice of the above hearing.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER: _____.

RESOLUTION

R-22-89

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST: _____

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Commission submitted its proposed plan of redistricting to the Common Council on October 5, 2022; and The Redistricting Commission presented its proposed plan to the Common Council on October 17, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Commission presented its proposed plan to the Common Council during the Common Council's meeting of October 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council raised concerns with the proposed plans for Redistricting, particularly the need to incorporate Prisoner Adjusted Population data and compliance with Municipal Home Rule Law Section (13)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.10(b), the Common Council voted on November 7, 2022 to return the plan to the Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2022, the Redistricting Commission submitted a second map dated November 15, 2022 for the Council's consideration and the second map was discussed at the Council's meeting of November 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after further study and review, the Council will be rejecting the Redistricting Commission's November 15, 2022 map with the intent of adopting "Map 1B – Last Revised November 28, 2022" by local law.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Common Council hereby rejects the Redistricting Commission's November 15, 2022 map.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER: _____.

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-90)**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW ADOPTING THE CITY OF
POUGHKEEPSIE REDISTRICTING PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.10 OF THE
CITY CHARTER**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST: _____

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “**LOCAL LAW ADOPTING THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE REDISTRICTING PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.10 OF THE CITY CHARTER**”, be and hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law to receive comment from the public on Monday, _____ at _____ pm in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER: _____

[illegible]

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-91)**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 14.35 OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE ENTITLED “TAXES –
PARTIAL EXEMPTION GRANTED; CONDITIONS”**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ :

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 14.35 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE ENTITLED ‘TAXES – PARTIAL EXEMPTION GRANTED; CONDITIONS’” be and hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law to receive comment from the public on Monday, _____ at _____ pm in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-175 OF THE
CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE CODE OF ORDINANCES
ENTITLED “STOP SIGNS; LOCATIONS DESIGNATED”
(O-22-XX)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ :

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 13-175 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “**Stop Signs; Locations Designated**” is amended by the **DELETION** of the following language:

[~~On Mill Street, at its intersection with North Perry Street and Charles Street~~]

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

BOLD and UNDERLINING INDICATE ADDITION
BRACKETS [] AND ~~STRIKETHROUGH~~ INDICATE DELETION

LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 14.35 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF
POUGHKEEPSIE ENTITLED “TAXES – PARTIAL EXEMPTION GRANTED; CONDITIONS”
(LL-22-X)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ :

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, a local law amending Chapter 14.35 of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie entitled Taxes – Partial Exemption Granted; Conditions, to provide as follows:

~~STRIKETHROUGH INDICATES DELETION~~
BOLD and UNDERLINE INDICATES ADDED LANGUAGE

Section 14.35 **Taxes — partial exemption granted; conditions.**

Real property owned by persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over shall be exempt from city taxes up to the maximum amount of fifty (50) per centum of the assessed valuation subject to the following conditions and pursuant to Subsection (f) hereof:

- (a) The owner or all of the owners must file an application annually in the assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date or such other time as may be hereafter fixed by law. At least sixty (60) days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the assessing authority shall mail to each person who was granted an exemption pursuant to this section on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to be granted. Failure to mail any such application form and notice or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.
- (b) In the event the owner, or all of the owners, of property which has received an exemption pursuant to this section on the preceding assessment roll fail to file the application required pursuant to this section on or before the taxable status date, such owner or owners may file the application, executed as if such application had been filed on or before the taxable status date, with the Assessor on or before the date for the hearing of complaints. The Assessor shall approve or deny such application as if it had been filed on or before the taxable status date.
- (c) The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property must not exceed ~~twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000)~~ **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)** for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption. Where the title is vested in either the husband or wife, their combined income must not exceed the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)** ~~twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.-)~~.
- (d) Title to the property must be vested in the owner or, if more than one (1), in all the owners for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months prior to the date of making application for exemption.
- (e) The property must be used exclusively for residential purposes, be occupied in whole or in part by the owners, and constitute the legal residence of the owners.

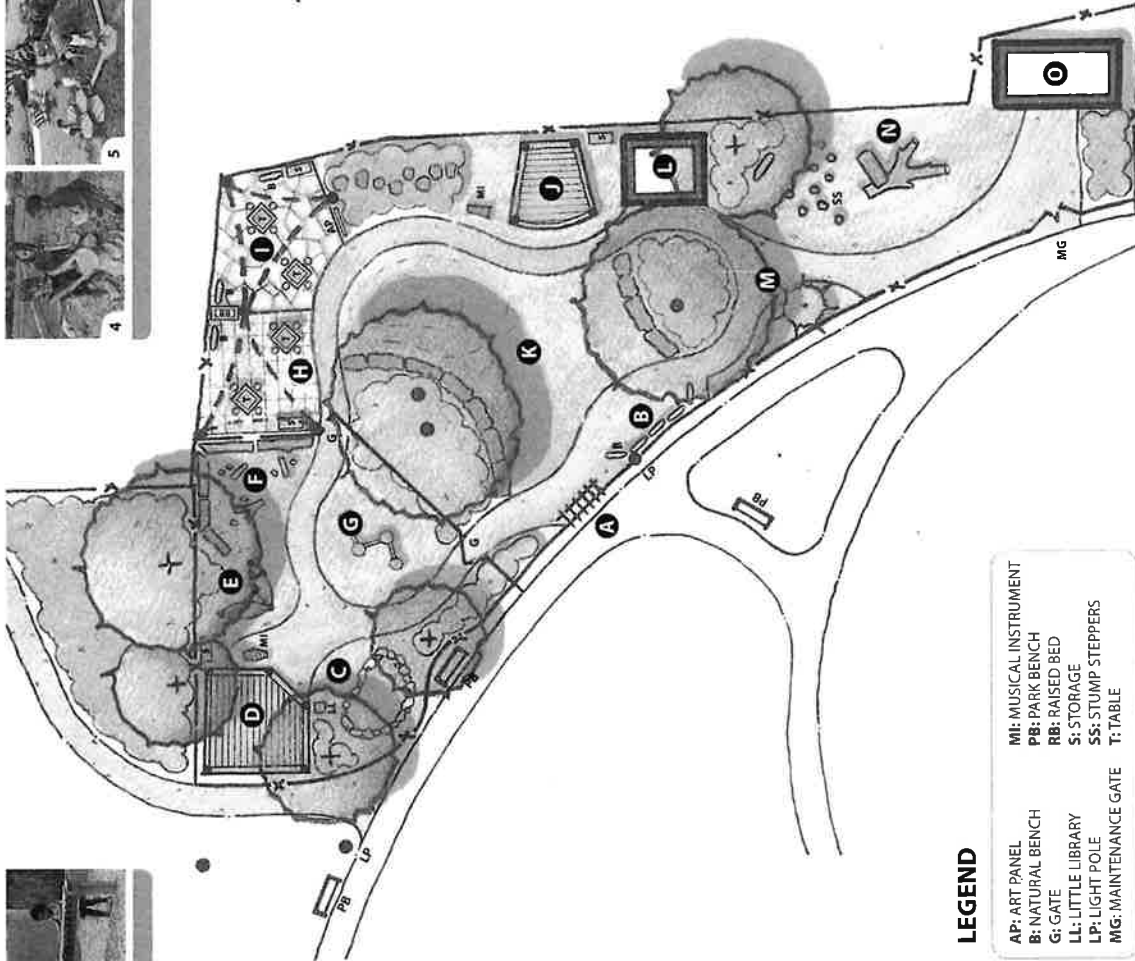
(f) The amount of the partial exemption shall be computed as follows:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
\$20,600 <u>\$50,000</u> or less	50
More than <u>\$50,000</u> \$20,600 but less than \$21,600 <u>\$51,000</u>	45
\$21,600 <u>\$51,000</u> or more but less than \$22,600 <u>\$52,000</u>	40
\$22,600 <u>\$52,000</u> or more but less than \$23,600 <u>\$53,000</u>	35
\$23,600 <u>\$53,000</u> or more but less than \$24,500 <u>\$53,900</u>	30
\$24,500 <u>\$53,900</u> or more but less than \$25,400 <u>\$54,800</u>	25
\$25,400 <u>\$54,800</u> or more but less than \$26,300 <u>\$55,700</u>	20
\$26,300 <u>\$55,700</u> or more but less than \$27,200 <u>\$56,600</u>	15
\$27,200 <u>\$56,600</u> or more but less than \$28,100 <u>\$57,500</u>	10
\$28,100 <u>\$57,500</u> or more but less than \$29,000 <u>\$58,400</u>	<u>5</u>

(g) Unreimbursed medical expenses shall be subtracted from the senior's income calculation.

SECTION 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ :



A ENTRY AREA

- RUSTIC ARBOR / OVERHEAD FEATURE (picture 1)
- CRUSHED STONE SURFACING TO MATCH EXISTING
- WELCOME SIGNAGE
- 4" CEDAR FRAMED, WELDED WIRE MESH FENCING WITH VERTICAL VEGETATION

B GATHERING AREA

- CRUSHED STONE SURFACING TO MATCH EXISTING
- NATURAL, MOVEABLE BENCHES (picture 2)

C DIRT-DIGGING AREA

- IN-GROUND, SMOOTH STONE BORDER
- LOOSE, FRIABLE SOIL AT 12-18" DEPTH
- NATURAL BENCH
- STORAGE FOR TOOLS ALONG FENCE LINE

D FAIRY TALE GARDEN / MUSIC

- GROUND-LEVEL COMPOSITE DECKING
- ROCKING CHAIRS/GLIDERS & VARIETY OF SEATING
- LITTLE FREE LIBRARY
- PERMANENTLY INSTALLED AKAMBIRA (picture 3)
- PLANT MATERIAL SURROUNDING
- SHADE STRUCTURE OVERHEAD
- STORAGE UNIT

E HAMMOCK AREA

- VERTICAL POSTS WITH EYE BOLTS TO SUPPORT HAMMOCKS
- ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER SURFACING
- SHARED STORAGE

F MESSY MATERIALS AREA

- ANCHORED NATURAL LOG PERIMETER
- GIANT TREE COOKIES/LARGE LOOSE PARTS (picture 4)
- EWF MULCH SURFACING AT 9" COMPACTED DEPTH

G TODDLER CLIMBING AREA

- ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER MULCH AS SAFETY SURFACING (9" SETTLED DEPTH)
- COMMUNITY PLAYTHINGS: MODULAR TODDLER CLIMBING SET (picture 5)

H BUILDING AREA

- MODULAR PAVED FLOORING
- DISCOVERY TABLE AND SEATING (picture 6)
- NATURAL BENCHES
- OVERHEAD SHADE SAIL

I NATURE ART AREA

- STUMP TABLE WITH SEATING
- ART PANEL
- LOCAL/REGIONAL FLAGSTONE SURFACING
- VARIETY OF NATURAL ART MATERIALS
- STORAGE UNIT
- OVERHEAD SHADE SAIL

J MUSIC & MOVEMENT AREA

- MARIMBA OR OTHER PERMANENTLY INSTALLED INSTRUMENT
- WOOD/COMPOSITE STAGE (picture 7)
- STORAGE
- EWF SURFACING SURROUNDING
- CONSIDER SHADE SAIL ABOVE

K OPEN AREA

- DROUGHT-TOLERANT TURF
- LOW-MOUNDING BERM
- ARMORSTONE SEAT WALLS OR ANCHORED LOGS AT PERIMETER

L STAFFING SHED

- PREFABRICATED, LOCKABLE SHED (picture 8)
- SHELVED STORAGE
- OPTIONAL ELECTRICAL

M VEGETATED NOOK

- NATURAL STRUCTURE FROM WILLOW CUTTINGS OR SIMILAR
- OPENING AND VIEW TO CLIMBING AREA AND OPEN SPACE

N CLIMBING AREA

- NATURAL ANCHORED PIECES
- LOG STEPPERS
- ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER MULCH AS SAFETY SURFACING (8" SETTLED DEPTH)
- CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ANCHORED PIECE

O LARGE STORAGE

- PREFABRICATED, LOCKABLE SHED
- SHELVED STORAGE
- MAINTENANCE GATE TO SHED
- ADJUST FENCE TO MEET EDGES OF SHED

LEGEND

AP: ART PANEL	MI: MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
B: NATURAL BENCH	PB: PARK BENCH
G: GATE	RB: RAISED BED
LL: LITTLE LIBRARY	S: STORAGE
LP: LIGHT POLE	SS: STUMP STEPPERS
MG: MAINTENANCE GATE	T: TABLE



NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION





Dimensions Educational Research Foundation

CASA at Mental Health America | Poughkeepsie, NY

Provided by:

Jeff Lindstrom, Associate OALA
Senior Designer / Project Manager

Heather Fox, MLS
Nature Explore Education Specialist

August 15, 2022

Dear Desiree,

Thank you for deepening your commitment to connect children with the natural world by creating Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms for your program! As you transform your space, you are joining a growing number of schools, early childhood programs, nature centers, zoos, parks, and other public spaces that are creating Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms in the places where children spend their days. Please view this nation-wide network of Certified Nature Explore Classrooms at natureexplore.org and learn more about the work of Dimensions Educational Research Foundation that makes these spaces possible.

Together with input from your wonderful team, our designer-educator team created the included concept plan for your outdoor classroom. It's grounded in field-tested, research-based principles for creating effective spaces that support children's interactions with the natural world and personalized for your program and space by interweaving the thoughtful ideas and feedback from your team.

Your concept package includes:

- This project summary – noteworthy features and considerations unique to your space
- A black & white concept plan – helpful to share with the team who will implement your design
- A full color concept plan – useful for sharing with your community and to support fundraising efforts
- Materials estimates – quantities or volumes of surfacing and plant material, plus suggested furnishings and loose parts needed to complete the space

Please use this concept package alongside these in-depth resources:

- "How to Make It Grow," our Implementation Guide, mailed to you at the beginning of your design consultation, offers a detailed explanation of how to develop each area in your plan, including considerations for surfacing materials and more, as well as planning documents to guide your process.

- Nature Explore's [Digital Portfolio](https://natureexplore.org/portfolio) gives several examples of Nature Explore-designed outdoor classrooms in a variety of settings, and is a great tool for visually communicating options and choices with those who help you create your outdoor classroom. Visit: natureexplore.org/portfolio
- Additional [Online Resources](https://natureexplore.org/resources) will help you as you fundraise, develop your plan and begin implementation. Visit: natureexplore.org/resources.

Layering In: Building Your Plan Overtime

The plans for your site accommodate a “layering in” approach. You can create an effective, nurturing and certifiable Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom if you begin by implementing *all* the recommended areas at least in small ways rather than doing a ‘full-scale’ installation of only one or two areas at a time. The space should maximize choices for children through a complete mix of areas, even if a wood stage, or flagstone surfacing is installed in a later phase.

As your Outdoor Classroom program evolves, your teachers and children will likely spend more and more time outdoors. Periodically review and update your schedule, maintenance plan and supplies of loose parts to accommodate a shift to outdoor learning.

Areas

Each area of an outdoor classroom supports different types of physical, social/emotional and cognitive engagement, and truly, “the magic is in the mix”. Consult both the “Learning with Nature Idea Book” and the “How to Make It Grow” Implementation Guide for details on the design, implementation, use and maintenance of each area. Here is additional information about the areas included in your design.

Entry Feature

Your entry feature (A) will set the stage for the activities and experiences that will happen inside. It can be built with locally sourced natural materials and/or match the aesthetics of the other features in the park. We recommend an overhead arbor and some kind of welcome signage. Create an entry that is large enough for strollers and large families to enter together.

Gathering Areas

Designate a gathering area (B) near the entrance using a circle of movable benches or more permanent boulders. A second gathering space will be created as a fairytale garden (D). This will provide a place for people to sit, share stories, observe activities and create conversations. It will come together using ground level decking, rocking chairs and a little free library.

Dirt Digging and Gardening Areas

Crete an inground dirt digging area (C) using a circle border of smooth stones. Fill it with loose friable soil and include a place to store hand held tools and containers. Consider planting inground flowers and plants on either side of the circle of stones. This will add interest for the person passing by and the children who use the space. A separate vegetative nook (M) will also boarder the fence near the pathway. Consider planting willow in raised beds, sunflowers or hummingbird vine to create a slightly hidden space for children to discover.

Messy Materials Area and Hammocks

This Messy Materials Area (F) and place to hang hammocks (E) will support all ages. Some might relax in the shade while others use the large stumps and branches to build forts and enclosures. Create this space using a circle border of fallen logs filled with mulch or engineered wood fiber. Surface with engineered wood fiber (EWF) at a 8"-10" depth to support children's efforts at fort building and the like by making it easier to wedge materials into the ground. Add a perimeter of 4-8' long logs, 10-20" in diameter, to help contain the EWF and define the area. Anchor in place so logs do not tip or roll. Be sure the hammocks hang low and/or the ground cover is deep enough to create the proper fall zone.

Climbing Areas

Notice how this large Nature Explore Classroom can be divided by an internal gate and transform into two spaces including one for infants and toddlers and one for preschool and older. A toddler-sized climbing area (G) will be made with modular movable structures on a bed of Engineer Wood Fiber. It is housed on the smaller more intimate side of the classroom that can be used for visitations for families. The larger climbing area (N) will be made with permanently installed stumps and larger structures. Surfacing should be a resilient ADA-accessible safety surface with good drainage, such as engineered wood fiber (EWF), installed to a 9" settled depth. As it will compact over time, begin with a 12" depth.

Building Area

Create a small motor building area (H) using a child-height table for block building with a lip around the edge helps contain the blocks. Tree stumps set on end can play dual roles as seating or alternative building platforms. They will be more stable if they are wider than they are tall. Provide a variety of blocks, including unit blocks and more organic tree blocks. Organize and label the outdoor block storage so that gathering and returning blocks is integral to the block building experience.

Nature Art Area

Included in the Nature Art Area (I) is a child-height art table invites both individual and collaborative art. A transparent top allows children to explore natural items, creations and critters from above and below. Add a child-sized picnic table for additional seating. Low, wide stump stools or benches can play dual roles as alternative 'canvases' for art or a place for a teacher to comfortably join children at work. Include storage for natural materials as well as a storage plan to protect manufactured materials (clipboards, paper, paints, pencils, scissors, etc) from the weather.

Music and Movement Area

Build a ground-level deck as a stage for the music and movement area (J) The 'front' of your stage can be raised +/-6" above grade. For accessibility, ensure the adjacent surfacing is level at the back of the stage or provide a ramp and add a large built-in instrument such as a marimba. Provide storage near the stage for smaller instruments and dancing scarves. Follow care and maintenance instructions for both installed and hand-held instruments to extend their life and maintain tonal quality. Note: some instruments cannot tolerate wet conditions or extended humidity and must be stored indoors when not in use.

Outdoor Care and Staffing Shed

If possible, add a care station and staffing shed (L) to the space. Moving care routines and handwashing outdoors will support your team to spend more time engaged with children outdoors

Loose Parts and Storage

Open-ended materials have been repeatedly shown to inspire the most creative play. Focus on natural, manufactured and recycled/repurposed materials that have many uses, rather than strictly representational or single-purpose items. Nature provides many engaging loose parts with both clear patterns and subtle variations.

Provide real-world, child-sized tools for investigations – rakes, brooms, shovels, hand tools, buckets, funnels, sifters, magnifying glasses, clipboards, writing implements, etc.

Indoors or out, accessible storage empowers children to make independent choices. By providing safe and easy access to materials, accessible storage in each area allows children to plan on, use, and care for items appropriate for each area of the outdoor classroom, thereby enhancing learning experiences.

Storage can be simple, affordable baskets or milk crates, or more permanent cabinets, bins, racks or storage benches. You may find opportunities to share storage between adjacent areas if needed.

At the close of a session, involve children in returning materials to their original storage areas. Provide organized storage labeled with words and pictures and ensure your schedule allows children to participate in clean up. This helps children develop important executive function skills of responsibility, organization, and time management.

Make use of outdoor storage sheds (O) and indoor storage to protect vulnerable materials from weather or theft. Create a plan to set up the Outdoor Classroom with a complete mix of loose parts for daily use. Include staff, volunteers and/or children. Totes, rolling carts or wagons can make this job easier and more efficient. Ensure materials are thoroughly dry before storing in enclosed bins.

- See How to Make It Grow to learn more about storage in your outdoor classroom.

Signage

Clearly mark each area with a sign using both words and visual cues. Incorporating your cultures, traditions and historic or natural features into the language(s) and design for your signage is a great way to personalize your Outdoor Classroom and provide a meaningful bridge to literacy. Naming each area supports communication with children and documenting where their learning experiences occur.

Plant Material

One feature of every outdoor classroom that deserves high consideration for your initial investment is plant material. Prioritize your investment in plants that will add shade, beauty, sensory delight, loose parts, and cultural value to your space.

- Your plan includes 3 small ornamental trees (15'-20' mature height), 2 medium-sized shade trees (25'-40' mature height) and 1,500 square feet of plant beds (mix of perennials, groundcovers and small shrubs).
- Keep all of your existing trees and vegetation. Take care to protect them when installing your classroom. Limb up low trees but over-pruning plants, so they can achieve their natural form. Monitor for poison ivy or other hazards, as necessary.
- For immediate shade, and as an alternative to a small commercial shade structure, consider investing in a larger more mature tree.
- Make establishing plant material, including trees, a priority for your classroom. While plant beds in your design function, in part, to define areas, a 2014 study shows these un-defined or un-programmed areas also become an important part of your overall design by adding to the richness and complexity of spaces.
- Choose regional or native plants which are sensory-rich, non-toxic, low maintenance and drought-tolerant. Remember, all plants will need supplemental watering during the first year or two to establish a healthy root system. The more diversity you include in the choices of plants, the greater the educational value and interest for children and adults.

- Include children in the plant selection process by allowing them to learn about and choose from two or three pre-selected plant species. This will help them to connect with the space and feel invested in its caretaking from the very beginning.
- Keep plantings between areas low so there is good visibility throughout the space. Plants at the edges of the classroom, where you do not need to see around them, may be taller.
- See Section 8 of the “How to Make It Grow” Implementation Guide for planting design and plant selection suggestions. Additional recommended reference guides include:
 - Plants for Play: A plant selection guide for children’s outdoor environments. (1993) by Robin Moore
 - A Field Guide to Venomous Animals and Poisonous Plants. (1994) by Foster & Caras
 - AMA Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants. (1985) by Lampe & McCann

Congratulations on the thoughtful plans and actions you’ve set in motion! Please feel free to contact us with questions or needs as you build and implement your Outdoor Classrooms at Fenley and your other sites. We are grateful for the opportunity to support your commitment and efforts to bring more joys of connecting with nature to the lives of children and families.

Warm Regards,

Heather Fox, MLS
Nature Explore Education Specialist



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**HISTORIC DISTRICT & LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOMINATION FOR DESIGNATION**

LOCATION

Address: 299 Main Street

APPLICANT

Name: Teryl Mickens

OWNER

Name: JMS 299 Main, LLC

Address: 225 Broadway, Suite 1300, New York, NY 10007

Open the public hearing

Motion: Gary
Second: John
Votes: 4 0 0
Ayes Nays Abstentions

Close the public hearing

Motion: Tim
Second: Brian
Votes: 4 0 0
Ayes Nays Abstentions

Refer nomination to the Common Council

Motion: Gary
Second: John
Votes: 4 0 0
Ayes Nays Abstentions


Signature of Chairman
Date: 11/10/22

AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL FORM

☒ Resolution ☐ Ordinance ☐ Local Law

Common Council Sponsor #1 _____

Common Council Sponsor #2: _____

TITLE

299 Main Street Historic Landmark Nomination

DESCRIPTION:

The City of Poughkeepsie Historic District and landmark Preservation Commission is forwarding a nomination to designate 299 Main Street as a local landmark.

BACKGROUND:

See attached materials

SUBJECT TO FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: Yes ___ No ___

CURRENT YEAR COST/SAVINGS/REALLOCATION

Total Expenditure: _____ Source of Funds: _____

Total Revenue: _____ Effected Fund: _____

Total Appropriation: _____ Appropriated From: _____

Current year net cost/savings: _____

Future years' cost/savings _____

SEQRA DETERMINATION

☒ Type II P _____

☐ Unlisted, _____

☐ Type I, _____

EAF PART I included: Yes ___ No ☒

Attachments: Application, Nomination Justification, Photos, Designation Resolution from HDLPC

Approved by City Administrator: _____

Marc S. Nelson



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HISTORIC DISTRICT & LANDMARKS NOMINATION FORM

LOCATION (For District nominations, attach list of all properties)

Street and Number: 299-301 Main Street, Poughkeepsie New York _____

NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name (if any): None known

Other Names (if any): Formerly owned by Josephine Pardee _____

CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property

☒ Private

Owner: JMS 299 Main, LLC__

Address: 225 Broadway,

Suite 1300 _____

City: New York _____

State/Zip: 10007 _____

☐ Public

Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Category of Property

☒ Building(s)

☐ District

☐ Site

☐ Structure

☐ Object

FUNCTION OR USE

Historic Functions or Uses:

Ground floor retail, upper story residential

Current Functions or Uses:

Ground floor retail, upper stories currently vacant residential

NAME OF ARCHITECT (if known): James S. Post _____

ATTACHMENTS

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION: Describe the historic and current conditions of the property on one or more continuation sheets, and attach the sheets to the application.

MAPS: Please attach a map of the subject property or properties.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Please attach photographs of the property or properties.

Nomination Form

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Statement of Significance: Mark "X" in all of the applicable boxes below for the criteria qualifying the property for local register listing.

- ☒ Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ Property is associated with the lives of person significant in our past.
- ☒ Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
- ☒ Property is listed, or is eligible for listing, on the State and/or National Registers of Historic Places.

Narrative Statement of Significance: Explain the significance of the property, in terms of the boxes checked above, on one or more continuation sheets, and attach the sheet(s) to the application.

Bibliography: Cite any books, articles or other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets, and attach the sheet(s) to the application.

Form Prepared by:

Name/Title: Teryl Mickens, Managing Member

Organization: Exceedance, LLC

Street: 138 Franklin St.

City/State/Zip: Kingston, New York 12401

Telephone 845-399-5899

Date: September 14, 2022

HDLPC RECOMMENDATION

The HDLPC hereby certifies that this application ☐ does ☐ does not meet the criteria for designation as a local historic district, landmark or landmark site, and recommends approval of the application to the Common Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 19-4.5(3) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Votes: _____

Ayes Nays Abstentions

Signature of Chairman

Date:

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION: Describe the historic and current conditions of the property

The building, 299-301 Main Street, Poughkeepsie fronts on the south side of Main Street, and is the second building sited east of Garden Street. This is a four-story, flat roofed, zero lot line, commercial building built in 1872. The exterior of this 12,284 GSF elongated rectangular structure is composed of red brick with red pigmented mortar along the principal or southern elevation. The building features a modern storefront at the 1st and 2nd floor, with a brick addition at the rear (or north side) of the building. This commercial row building has two structural bays running longitudinally with the building offset from center.

The subject building is one in this row of eight buildings fronting on Main Street that define the Main Mall Historic District (there is one other, 5-9 Garden Street that constitutes the district). As with the other Victorian Renaissance buildings that comprise the historic district, 299 Main Street shares east and west walls and a similar roof line with the two contiguous commercial buildings. Both of the attached buildings were contemporaneously built in 1871 and 1872. The historical use of the building accommodated ground floor retail with a prominent storefront and upper story residential units.

All buildings constituting the historic district are resemblant in size, rhythm, scale and materials. This building's primary or southern elevation features a prominent molded cornice with brackets and center arched pediment that projects above the roof line, below which is a frieze panel design (which likely displayed the year of construction) with an arcaded lower edge with four evenly spaced drops (one of which is presently missing) and scrolled brackets shouldering each end. The 4th and 3rd stories each have five regularly spaced 1/1 sash windows embraced by decorative arched cast-iron window headers. Original smooth stone windowsills with stone finials affixed to both the right and left sides of the exterior window sills project out slightly from the brick surface along the 3rd and 4th stories. The five window headers across the 2nd story have been replaced with fiberglass replications meant to mimic the original surviving cast iron features on the upper stories. A belt course is apparent just above the storefront level visually indicating the start of the upper residential floors. The ground floor, modern glass storefront was altered ca. 1987. In its place a layer of common red brick was installed. Along this level there are three, closely spaced, off-center, 1/1 sash windows topped by fabricated fiberglass arched window headers to compliment the original historic features appearing on the upper floors. A modern deeply recessed, solid wood door was introduced on the south east side of the building and serves as the main entrance.

The building, flanked by its next door neighbors to the east and west, allow only one other facade, the rear or north facing elevation. Here there are five evenly spaced windows across the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. Each of the windows (with the exception of the middle window along the 2nd and 3rd stories) feature an arched lintel and smooth stone sills. The windows have been boarded up since 1986 by the

City's Public Works Department (in response to the collapse of the rear roof). The rear (or North wall) is interrupted above the first floor by an asphalt shingled roof, which covers the 16'x30', brick addition (likely constructed at the time of the storefront alteration). The addition accesses a 3,690 sf undeveloped courtyard space that is locked in on all four sides by three buildings (see Tax parcel map).

The building's basement, 1st and 2nd floor interiors were altered ca.1980 to accommodate commercial office use. The unfinished basement, which measures 2,737 sf features a stairway at it's south western end, and the afore referenced addition along the expanse of the north or rear wall. All primary utilities are housed within the basement towards the rear of the building (located just before the addition). Basement walls are composed of concrete block and panels that cover the original brick foundation and walls. Basement floors are poured concrete.

The first-floor interior measures 2,737 and contains seven offices dispersed along the east, west and north walls with a stairwell at the south west wall. Lavatories are midway along the west wall.

The 2nd floor, is similar in configuration to the first floor, having seven smaller offices. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors each measure 2,270 sf.

The 3rd and 4th floors have been vacant well over 35 years and stairway access to these two floors were blocked over since 1986. These two floors are accessible only by ladder from the 2nd floor through a ceiling cut-out. The interiors were not properly protected (mothballed) so that moisture penetration and lack of ventilation has resulted in the severe deterioration of any remaining walls, the wood floors, ceilings and any remaining fixtures. The odor of mold is pervasive and water damage is observed on all floors and interior window frames. Exposed brick walls are damaged, and mortar compromised.

The 3rd and 4th floors were historically designed to accommodate residential use. On the 3rd floor there are seven partitioned varying sized rooms; four along the east side of the building and three along the west side. The interior has, for the most part been gutted. Fireplaces are present in three of the east rooms and two fireplaces located in the two west rooms. There are five windows at the south end of the floor and five boarded windows along the rear or north wall.

The fourth floor has likewise been totally gutted and contains one large room on the north end of the building a second, smaller room opposite the stairway and three partitioned spaces to the rear or north end. The window pattern is repeated across both the front and rear interior walls.

The historical use of the building was ground floor retail with upper story residential units. Typical of the era, shops and businesses were often located on the first floor of a building, which doubled as the shop owner's residence. The upper stories most likely housed recent immigrants and local workers. In particular, "German Jewish businessmen tended more often than their Protestant or Catholic counterparts to reside initially above or near their shops in the Central business district on Main Street. Clothiers Mark Schwartz, Phillip Rosenbaum and the Goldstone brothers lived on Main as late as 1880."¹

The earliest known retailers operating out of 299-301 Main Street was the 1879 the Star Clothing House, Rosenbum Bros. Proprietors ² in 1879. Two years later in 1899 the building would be purchased

¹ Year Book of the Dutchess County Historical Society, Vol. 71-74 p.139

² Poughkeepsie Eagle 11/3/1879 advertisement

by Mr. Smith L. DeGarmo³, who is described as having "faith in Poughkeepsie Real Estate. He gave evidence of it... by purchasing the Rosenbaum property, 299 and 301 Main St." The news article highlighted this "Important Real Estate Sale" describing the building as "one of the valuable pieces of Main Street properties. Smith L. DeGarmo it should be noted moved to Poughkeepsie in 1868 from Highland, Ulster County. Initially he was employed as a clerk in a furniture goods store, later working for William Bros where he "became very proficient in the handling and sales of dry goods." By 1870 he was hired by Messrs. Luckey and Platt. Within two years he was made a partner at Luckey Platt Co. By 1894 DeGarmo was living with his wife in the residential hotel Morgan House on the corner of Academy and Catherine Streets. "Mr. DeGarmo continued to demonstrate prowess in business matters as he increased his own portfolio with successful real estate transactions."⁴

By 1904 the building was again sold to Reuben Goldberg, who, having taken over the "large double building" announced he would be "completely altering it in every detail to make it thoroughly modern."⁵

Four years later in 1908, a new firm announced it would purchase the stocks of "Reuben Goldberg at 299-301 Main Street. The new store owners, Wood-Young Company would continue operations as a men and boys clothing retailer ⁶ Later iterations of this storefront building would include other independent retail operators. The building's most current owner occupant was the law offices of Wallace & Moore.

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The Main Mall Row historic district encompasses the two blocks of Main between Market and Academy streets in the City of Poughkeepsie. The district (NRHP ref#82001148; 1982) is comprised of nine, intact commercial buildings, eight on Main Street and one around the corner on Garden Street. The district's listing on the National Register of Historic Places was conferred based on Criterion C, recognizing the group's collective architectural significance.

The subject building 299-301 Main street was approved as a certified historic structure contributing to the significance of the Main Mall Row historic District by the National Park Service

³ Poughkeepsie Eagle News 10/13/1899; advertisement

⁴ Carol Kushner, Editor, The Dutchess County Historical Society Year Book, Copyright 1995 ; p. 41

⁵ Poughkeepsie Journal 8/15/1904; advertisement

⁶ Poughkeepsie Eagle 3/12/1908; article

(NPS) on April 15, 2021. Further, the building received NPS approval of its Part II - Description of Rehabilitation, on June 6, 2022.

The brick buildings that principally constitute the district were built between 1871-1874 following a devastating fire that razed several wood framed shops the day after Christmas, 1870. The fire broke out in the saloon operated by George Cannon at 301 Main Street. Spreading quickly, the fire engaged the next place of business, Morgan Farnum's drug store, followed by the bookstore of Archibald Wilson. The flames ripped through the block so quickly that there was nothing the firemen could do except prevent the fire from crossing Main and Garden streets. The next morning, there was nothing left but a hole in the ground where once stood businesses⁷. That block on the corner of Garden and Main Streets belonged to Mrs. Josephine Pardee widow of Enoch Pardee did not waste any time in finding someone to rebuild on her land. Her husband, Enoch, who died in 1867, specifically wrote in his will that should any of his buildings be destroyed "by fire or other calamity they should be rebuilt."⁸ Mrs. Pardee hired a well-known local architect named James S. Post⁹ to design and construct the group of elaborate three- and four-story brick and/or stone buildings that would pay homage to Poughkeepsie's important commercial heritage.

3. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

Main Street has been the City of Poughkeepsie's commercial, civic and social hub for more than two hundred years. Fires and remodeling of storefronts have altered many 19th century facades, but the streetscape largely retains its historic character. Several Individual NR listed buildings as well as those designated as local historic properties are sited on Main Street. Together, they confer a strong sense of place and provide a window into the city's important retail and civic history. Those local and nationally recognized historic buildings along Main Street include: the Grant Building, Welles- Zimmerman Building (demolished in 2009), The French Pastry Shop, Glebe House, Livingston Buildings, The Luckey, Platt & Co. Dept. Store, Lady Washington House, The Poughkeepsie Trust Company, the Elting Building and Poughkeepsie City Hall. The Main Street commercial district was directly associated with the business prosperity and development of the City of Poughkeepsie.

Today, the Main Mall Row Historic District consists primarily of commercial buildings with storefronts and residential upper levels which, as a group, exemplify the City's architectural, commercial and cultural development from the 19th through 20th centuries. Main Street had historically been configured as a pedestrian friendly downtown. By the 1960's Main Street featured an array of locally owned shops that sold shoes, stationary, furniture and flowers. There were candy shops (Fanny Farmer and Lofts) and dozens of women's clothing shops. The subject building, 299-301 Main Street is a rare example of this legacy made more important because it survives Poughkeepsie's aggressive Urban Renewal efforts during the 1960's & 70's. The United States federal government in the name of Urban

⁷ Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie Architecture: <https://poklib.org/poughkeepsie-architecture-the-cast-iron-building/>

⁸ Ibid

⁹ James S. Post would in 1872 be commissioned by Vassar College to complete the Main Building, Kitchen and dining room extension.

Renewal invested billions of dollars in urban infrastructure through a series of planning, demolition, and construction programs. The consequence of which severely transformed the social, economic, and political dimensions of many US cities including the City of Poughkeepsie in general and its Main Street commercial center in particular.

Many of Poughkeepsie's historical and culturally significant buildings along with some 400 homes were demolished to make way for these Urban Renewal projects. Poughkeepsie received more Urban Renewal funds per person than any other city," says Harvey Flad, emeritus professor of geography at Vassar College). One such project undertook the construction of the arterial system. The City of Poughkeepsie, in an effort to ease traffic congestion, converted Route 9, the main north-south thoroughfare at the city's western edge, into an East-West arterial which bypassed Main Street. As a result, Main Street businesses suffered significant disinvestment, business dislocation, and economic decline. Within the span of 13 years, a cohesive urban form that had developed over two hundred years was erased.

City of Poughkeepsie planners thought they could reinvigorate downtown by offering shoppers a mall-like experience and in 1973 the blocks Main between Market and Academy streets were closed to vehicular traffic. The creation of the Main Mall in 1974 was at best aspirational in that it was the intent of city planners to pedestrianize Main Street . The creation of the Main Street Mall was the City's attempt to support the traditional commercial core at a time when shoppers were being lured to the new malls built along the city's periphery. The plan was to preserve the Main Street pedestrian character in the midst of the enormous impact exerted by the newly constructed arterial system that drastically changed the Main Street historic commercial corridor and its surrounding context.

Despite these efforts, the decline of the downtown continued as most shoppers continued to choose the malls. Luckey, Platt & Company Department Store, a commercial mainstay of the city, lost customers to suburban shopping malls and closed in 1980. Main Street was again reopened to vehicular traffic in 2001.

MAPS - Please see attached exhibits

PHOTOGRAPHS - Please see attached exhibits

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I hereby certify that the survey shown hereon is based on an actual field survey completed on June 28, 2020 and that this map was completed on June 25, 2020.

Certified only to:

- 1) JMS 299 Main LLC
- 2) Regency Abstract Services, LTD
- 3) WFG Insurance Company



MAP OF SURVEY

PREPARED FOR

JMS 299 Main LLC

299 MAIN STREET

CITY OF Poughkeepsie
SCALE 1" = 20'

DUTCHESS COUNTY, N.Y.
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Map Components

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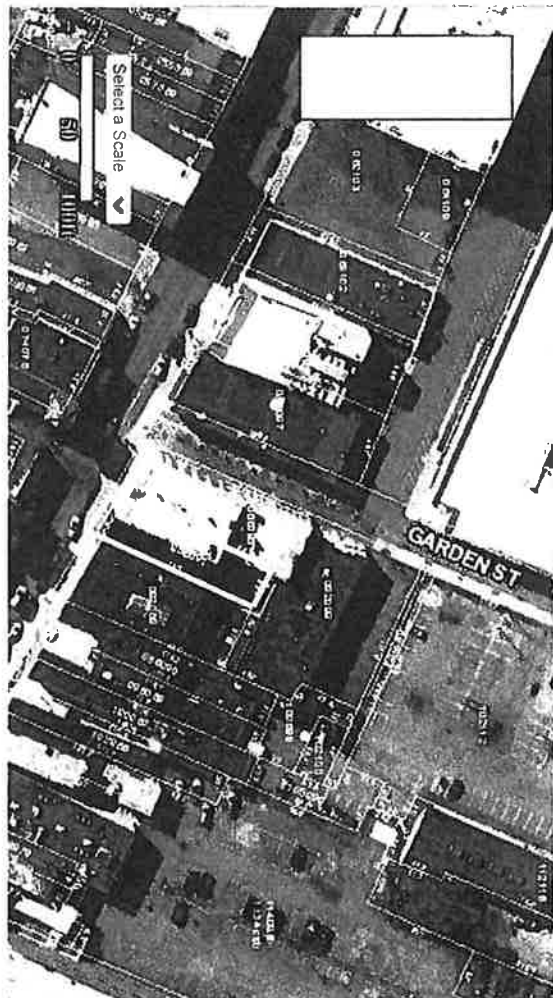


PARCEL IDENTITY
(Internet)
FINAL ROLL

Parcel Number:
131300-6162-77-088091-0000

Parcel Address -
299 Main St
Poughkeepsie 126010000

Owner Name:
299 Main Street Poughkeepsie, (Primary)
Primary (P) Owner Mailing Address
1 Civic Ctr
Poughkeepsie NY 126010000
Lot Size | Land Use (Land Use Code):
.08 Ac | Office bldg. (464)



National Register Project Details

National Register: 90PR04737

NR Number: 90NR00409
Status: Closed

Project: Main Mall Row

Overview Nomination Data NR Status (3) Submissions (0) USNs (8) Contacts (0) Photos (0) Atts. (2) Agmts. (0) Q & A (0) Corr. (0) MCDs (1)

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National Register Project Overview

Project Information:

Project Number: 90PR04737
Project Name: Main Mall Row
Project Completion Date: 09/06/2014
Date Created: 03/24/2002
Project Status: Closed
Created By: Peter Shaver
Closed By: Peter Shaver
Comment:

National Register Application Information:

Nomination Type: Building
Owner Support:
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Proposed MPDF Name: Poughkeepsie Multiple Resource Area



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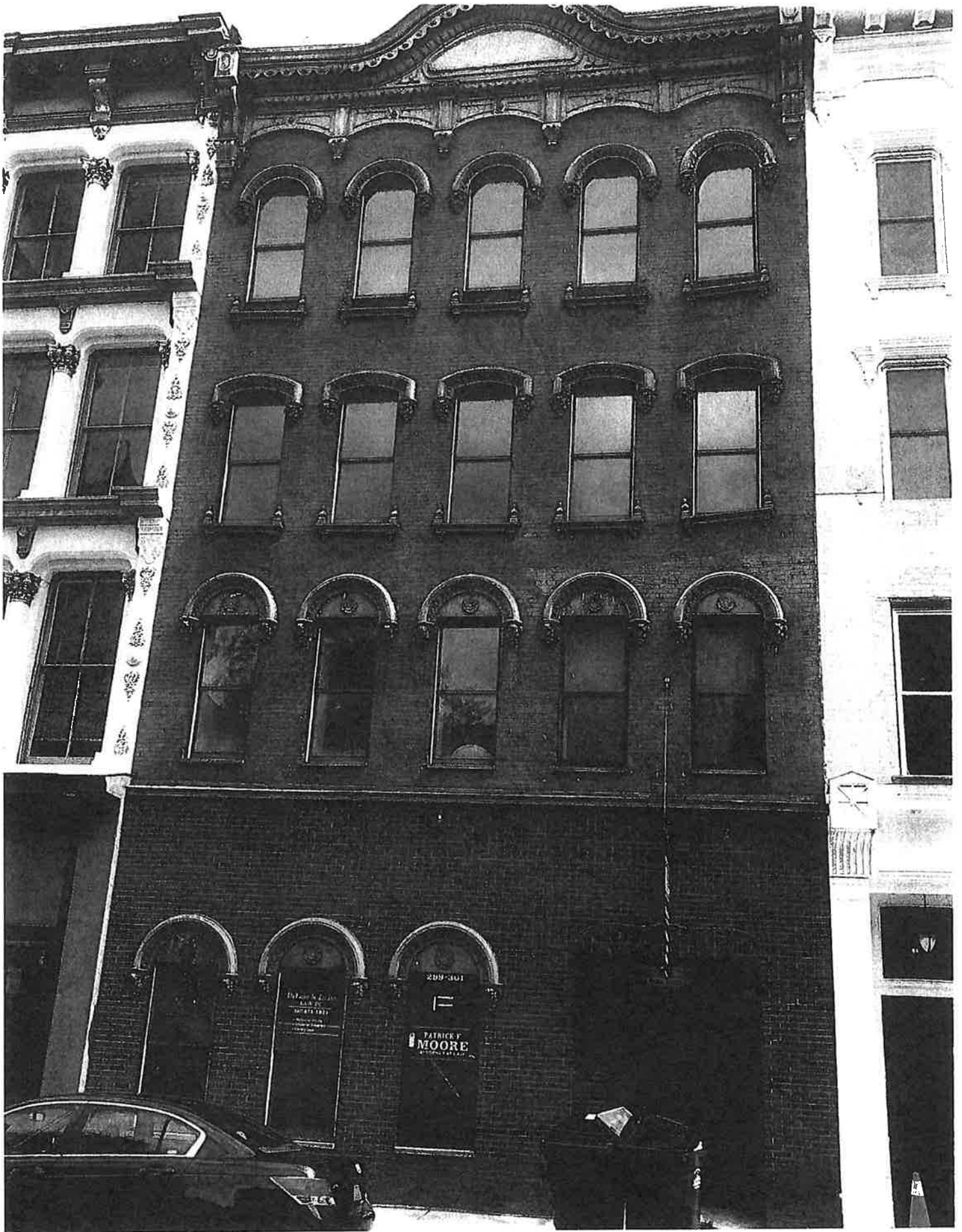
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THE LOWEST DEPART OF

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CLOTHING,

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Hats and Caps!

Ever Offered in Poughkeepsie.

ALL FOR SPOT CASH!

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For Men, Boys and Children!

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CALL AND BE SATISFIED!

YOU ARE NOT ASKED TO BUY.

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Star Clothing House

ROSENBAUM BROS.,

PROPRIETORS,

299 Main Street,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE SALE

Mr. Smith L. Twicham is one of the men who has faith in Poughkeepsie real estate. He gave evidence of this yesterday by purchasing the Rosenblum property, 229 and 301 Main St. It is one of the valuable pieces of Main Street properties, and will be further improved by the new owner. The sale was made through the Edward C. Dayton real estate agency, No. 5 Garden St. Mr. Dayton has some other important deals under way.

TO THE PEOPLE OF POUGHKEEPSIE

After an absence of over twelve years I have again located in Poughkeepsie. I have taken the large double building at 299 and 301 Main Street, completely altering it in every detail to make it thoroughly modern, and shall open it on August 15 as a

Men's, Boys', Children's Fine Ready-Made Clothing and Furnishing Store

Every article in the store will be of the finest make and of absolutely reliable goods and all of

This Season's Manufacture

I shall be glad to renew my former pleasant relations with patrons who kindly favored me in the past.

I shall make a specialty of fine merchant tailoring.

REUBEN GOLDBERG

"The Store that will please you."

299-301 Main Street,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

RUEBEN GOLDBERG.

We will soon announce our

Fall and Winter Opening

Our preparations are now in force to show the greatest stock of Men's Boy's and Children's Ready made Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps, even shown in this section.

Careful and critical buyers will benefit by giving consideration. Fine order work will also be done at reasonable prices. :: :: ::

REUBEN GOLDBERG

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NEW FIRM GETS GOLDBERG STORE

THE WOOD-YOUNG COMPANY IS
TO REMODEL STORE OF MR.
GOLDBERG AND OPEN THERE
ABOUT APRIL 1ST.

WILL LOCATE HERE

This clothing business formerly con-
ducted by Ruben Goldberg at 220
101 Math Street has been purchased
by a stock company to be known as
the Wood-Young Company, of which
the principal owners are Charles F.
Wood and Gilbert M. Young, both ex-
perienced and enterprising citizens of
New York, who will conduct it in the
future.

The new firm has purchased the
Goldberg stock and will close out
as soon as possible. In order to
this a grand clearance sale will be
begun on Saturday morning when the
stock was purchased at a low price
it will be sold at a sacrifice. The
new owners are desirous of disposing
of it at once so as to make room for
new stock. It is the intention of the
firm to open the store with an espe-
cially new and up-to-date line of goods
about April 1.

Mr. Young has been in the
sale business for the last twenty-five
years and is connected with the well-
known W. Peck Company at 108 Broad-
way, New York. Mr. Wood has had
thirteen years experience in the re-
tail business, but for the last four
years has been in the wholesale busi-
ness, thus making him perfectly com-
petent with both branches of the busi-
ness. While in the retail business Mr.
Wood conducted stores in many of
the best cities including Utica, Wat-
ertown and others. For the last four
years he has been a member of the
wholesale firm of Brandegee, Isard
& Wood of Utica.

The new store on a happy Wed-
nesday taking an inventory of the stock
at the Goldberg store, and will have
a busy day of work there preparing for
the sale Saturday.

A representative of the Eagle in-
terviewed Mr. Wood at the New
House Wednesday evening. Mr. Wood
is a native of Poughkeepsie. He

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Business Change in Pokeepsie

WOOD-YOUNG CO.

NEW FIRM. To secure this exceptional business location, 299-301 Main St., Pokeepsie, we have just purchased the Reuben Goldberg clothing stock. We accepted and bought the Goldberg stock at half value, but for no other purpose than to obtain this store. Now, piece by piece, or in bulk the stock must get out.

NEW FIRM. Our lease of this building extends over a period of fifteen years and we're here to locate permanently as you will see.

NEW FIRM. It is our purpose to establish in it another very modern mens', young mens', boys', and childrens' clothing store. It is our determination, and expectation, to be universally recognized as modern merchants, to carry for sale only dependable merchandise, to conduct our business on strictly modern methods of progressive store keeping --- to establish and maintain the absolute confidence of the public.

CLOTHING, HATS AND FURNISHINGS

NEW FIRM. purchased of us, at any and all times we will guarantee. We want you to realize that our obligations do not cease 'till you have received full one hundred cents for every dollar you turned in our store.

NEW FIRM. In the future we shall buy and sell only such merchandise as our years of careful study--in both retailing and manufacturing--have taught us, must have unquestionable merit. We will always consider it a privilege to make satisfactory any unforfeited and unworthy merchandise.

THE GOLDBERG STOCK FIRST

NEW FIRM. of all must be disposed of. What's here must go at once. Bids on the entire stock in bulk will be considered. We're going to sell it, every vestige, and we're going to do it mightily quick.

WE SHALL CONDUCT A ROUSING CLOSING OUT SALE OF WHAT'S HERE. PRICES WILL CREATE WONDERMENT AND EXCITEMENT.

NEW FIRM. In arranging and equalizing our monetary sacrifice of the present Reuben Goldberg stock--our store will be closed until Saturday, March 14.

There will be more to read about this store and this present sale.

WOOD-YOUNG CO.,
Purchasers of the Reuben Goldberg Stock,
 299 MAIN STREET, POKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Saturday Morning, March 14, we begin the tremendous slaughter of what's here. Watch this paper for sale price news.

NEWS OF THE STAGE

AT THE COLLINGWOOD

A Novel Entertainment.
 A large audience were greatly pleased and delightedly entertained with the rolling pictures at the Collingwood last night. It is a very recent show and will continue to attract attention. Several of the pictures are a combination of moving pictures and stage plays. The pictures appear to talk and sing just as if they were in real life. Every movement of the lips and body and every expression on the face is in perfect harmony with the words and songs from the stage. The pictures are arranged so that the audience can see the pictures and the stage at the same time. The pictures are a combination of moving pictures and stage plays. The pictures appear to talk and sing just as if they were in real life. Every movement of the lips and body and every expression on the face is in perfect harmony with the words and songs from the stage. The pictures are arranged so that the audience can see the pictures and the stage at the same time.

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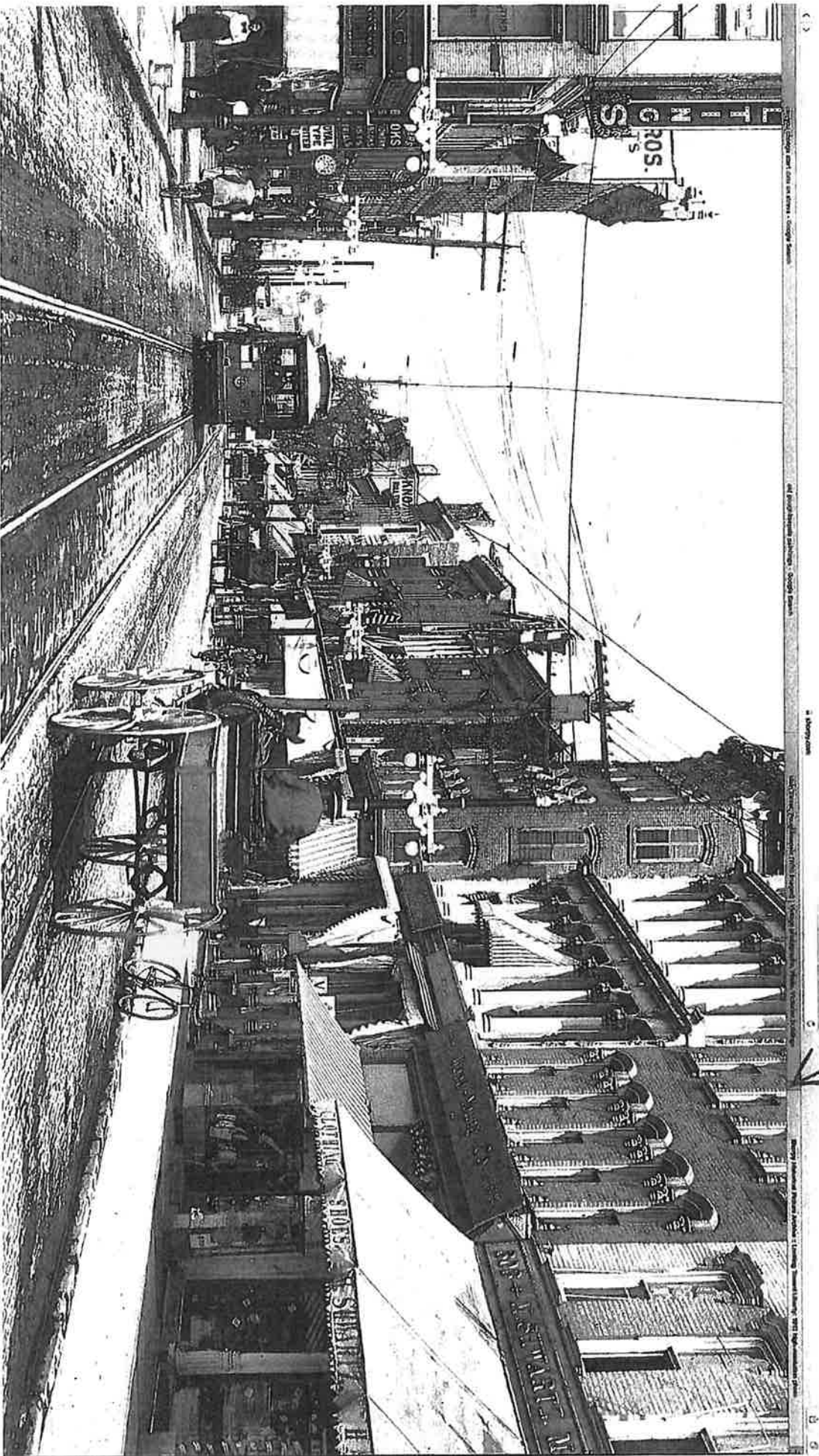
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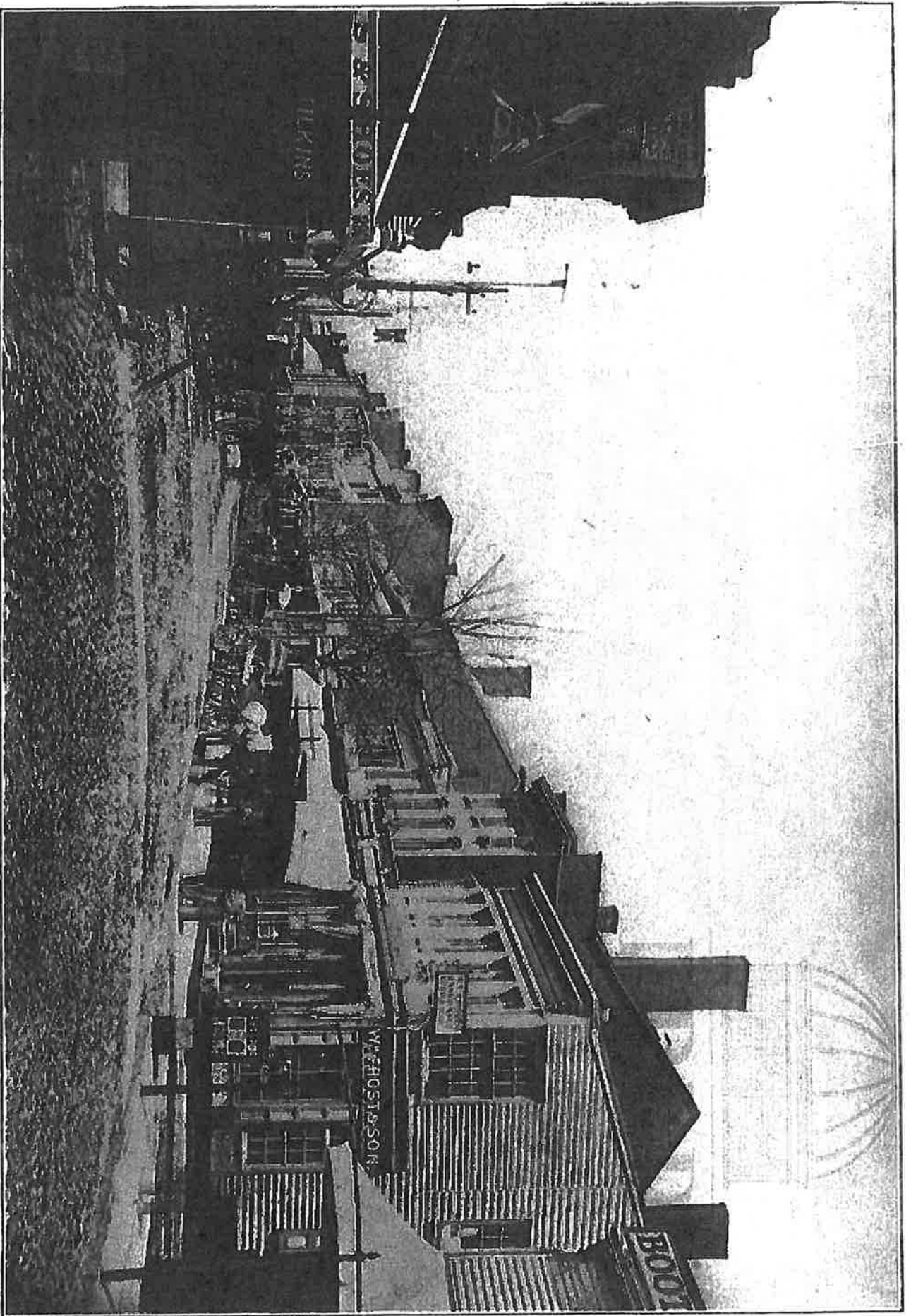


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Main Street in 1860, looking West from above the corner of Liberty and Garden Streets.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

-----X
RICHARD J. BURKE, JR. and KAREN C. BURKE,

Claimants,

-against-

THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE,

Defendants.
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TO: THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
City Hall
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Attn: Corporation Counsel

NOTICE OF CLAIM

CLERK OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CITY CLERK
NOV 22 AM 11:40

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the claimants, RICHARD J. BURKE, JR. and KAREN C. BURKE, hereby file a claim against THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE for personal injuries, medical expenses, loss of services, loss of society and other general damages sustained by them on account of the personal injuries received by RICHARD J. BURKE, JR. and the loss of services suffered by KAREN C. BURKE, the spouse of RICHARD J. BURKE, JR. and in support thereof, the claimants state:

1. The post office address of the claimants is 82 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie New York 12601.
2. Claimants' attorney is RICHARD J. BURKE, JR., ESQ., 3 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601.
3. The claimant, RICHARD J. BURKE, JR, is sixty-three (63) years old having been born on November 6, 1959.
4. The claims of RICHARD J. BURKE, JR, individually are for personal injuries with resultant pain and suffering and economic injuries sustained by claimant and for loss of services of

claimant KAREN C. BURKE, and for present and future medical services and expenses and for possible loss of income all incurred due to the negligence of THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, its agents, servants and/or employees as set forth herein.

5. The time when the claim arose and the time when the injuries hereinafter alleged were sustained was approximately 4:30 P.M. on the 24th day of August, 2022.

6. The particular place of the accident was on the roadway known as Cannon Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess, State of New York at the southwestern end of said street, near its intersection with Market Street immediately outside of, upon information and belief what is the main entrance to premises more particularly described as 45 Market Street, with the location of the accident being approximately five (5) feet east by northeast of the sidewalk at the corner of the eastern side of Market Street and the southern side of Cannon Street, at which time claimant, RICHARD J. BURKE, JR., while upon Cannon Street in the area above described was, while lawfully walking upon said roadway and in particular, the eastbound lane of Cannon Street, when he was caused to be precipitated to the ground as a result of a hazardous and dangerous condition as more particularly set forth below, causing him to sustain severe personal injuries.

7. The negligence of the defendant, their officers, agents and/or employees was in creating, causing and/or permitting the aforementioned premises to remain in a dangerous, hazardous and unsafe condition; in failing to take those steps necessary to avoid the contingency which herein occurred despite actual and/or constructive notice of same; in failing to maintain and/or supervise the aforementioned area; in failing to warn the claimant and others herein of the aforementioned dangerous, hazardous and unsafe conditions; in failing to properly supervise the and other areas of the subject premises and adjoining sidewalk; in failing to keep the roadway area safe; in causing, allowing and/or permitting claimant and others to walk and traverse in the subject area without proper

and sufficient warning that same was dangerous; in creating, causing, allowing and acquiescing in the subject portion of the roadway to be in and remain in a state of disrepair so that the defendant, in the exercise of reasonable care, would have been aware of the condition of the roadway; in failing to properly supervise and/or monitor the subject area that claimant and other pedestrians would be expected to utilize so as to permit the incident complained of to occur; in causing, allowing and/or permitting claimant and others to walk in an area which was unsafe; in causing and/or permitting a trap-like condition to exist; in causing, creating and failing to properly and sufficiently designate and otherwise alert and warn pedestrians and other users of the roadway of a change in the elevation of a portion of the roadway surface so that said surface was uneven and unsafe, despite having appeared to be, on at least one occasion prior to Claimant's fall, to have been repaired and repaved; in causing, creating and or permitting a uneven surface on said roadway to exist and remain; in failing to properly and safely repair a hole or other defect in the roadway; to cause or acquiesce in the failure to properly warn or erect signage or other indicia of danger so as to prevent the occurrence complained of herein; in failing to erect a sufficient barriers or otherwise cordons off the subject area as same was dangerous for pedestrians thereon; in failing to alert pedestrians and other users of the roadway as to the location of where the change in elevation on the roadway was located; in creating, causing and/or failing to properly identify or provide notice to pedestrians of an improperly created and/or repaired patch in the roadway so as to cause an/or permit approximate a divot or "dip" in the roadway surface so as to create, cause or permit a dangerous trap-like condition to exist; in causing or creating the aforementioned condition to exist; in failing to provide sufficient notice and failing to alert pedestrians and other users of the roadway of the difference in elevation in portions of said roadway and the potentially dangerous condition created thereby; and defendant was in all other ways negligent, wanton, reckless and careless.

8. By reason of the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of the defendant, claimant RICHARD J. BURKE, JR. suffered grievous bodily injury, including, but not limited to a fractured radial head of the left arm/elbow with resultant hospitalization and surgery for removal of and replacement with a prosthetic device and rehabilitative confinement with other injuries and other losses including possible significant medical expenses and claimant KAREN C. BURKE suffered loss of services and consortium by virtue of the injuries suffered by RICHARD J. BURKE, JR.

9. Said injuries happened entirely through the negligence and/or culpable conduct of the defendants herein, their officers, agents, servants and/or employees.

10. By reason of the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of the defendant, its officers, agents, servants, and/or employees, claimant, KAREN C. BURKE, suffered the loss of services and society of her spouse, was required to provide care and comfort to her spouse when and while injured and unable to care for himself in the same fashion as he could before the injury and upon information and belief, may be forced to suffer significant medical and other expenses on behalf her spouse.

11. Upon your failure to pay such claim within the statutory period provided therefore, it is the intention of the claimants to commence an action against THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE and such others as may be liable therefore to recover the damages sustained by these claimants as hereinbefore set forth.

WHEREFORE, claimants respectfully demand payment for and adjustment of said claims together with such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York
November / 7, 2022

Respectfully yours,



BY: RICHARD J. BURKE, JR., ESQ.

Claimant

Office and P.O. Address

3 Cannon Street

Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

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RICHARD J BURKE JR

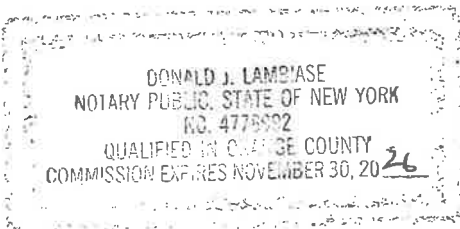
, being duly sworn deposes and says that he is the claimant named in the foregoing claim, that he has read the same and knows the contents thereof, that the same is true to his knowledge except as to matters alleged upon information and belief and as to those items he believes them to be true.



Sworn to before me this

18th day of November, 2022.

NOTARY PUBLIC



Official Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 21, 2022 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed introductory Local Law Amending Section 9-68 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code Entitled "Solid Waste Collection Fees"



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, November 21, 2022 6:00 pm

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the scheduled meeting of the Public Hearing in the City of Poughkeepsie. The date is November 21, 2022 and the time is 6:04 pm.

THIS HEARING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMENTS ON THE proposed introductory Local Law Amending Section 9-68 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code Entitled "Solid Waste Collection Fees"

Councilwoman-At-Large Cherry called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

I. WELCOME

II. ROLL CALL: 6 present, 2 absent (Late arrival: Councilmembers Long & Thompson)

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Five (5) minutes per person public comment.

1. Nick Kalogris – 14 Maryland Ave.
2. Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave. – submitted written comments
3. Naomi Brooks – S. Grand Ave. – submitted written comments
4. Constantine (Gus) Kazolias – Noxon Rd.

Time and again, at various Common Council meetings and public hearings, I note that the erosion of democratic norms is growing ever-more entrenched and epidemic in this City's sadly dysfunctional, backroom world. One of the most disturbing achievements by both Administration and Council has been discouraging public information and participation. As a result, large numbers of this City's most concerned and involved residents have thrown up their hands in disgust and turned away from information and participation—exactly the disaffection and lack of knowledge the Administration and Council both want.

Certain councilmembers have a habit of showing up late or not at all at public hearings, as if their attendance was optional. I am not aware that a single councilmember has gone on the public record about their own knowledge and position regarding “Solid Waste Collection Fees”, nor workshopped the issue with their constituents, nor even taken the trouble to share information with their constituents—let alone detailed information—about tonight's hearing.

Constituents don't get paid to be informed about Council issues—councilmembers do, whether or not they actually inform themselves on the issues, whether or not they inform their constituents, and whether or not they actually show up for any given meeting, caucus or executive session. Though tonight's public hearing is not Freedom of Information Law (FOIL)-specific, that law reads, in part: “The people's right to know the process of government decision making and the documents and statistics leading to determinations is basic to our society. Access to such information should not be thwarted by shrouding it with the cloak of secrecy or confidentiality.”

Yet it's both our own Administration, as well as our own Council, that functions in a manner that promotes, rather than reduces, such secrecy, confidentiality and public disaffection. This so-called public hearing is taking place now, but tonight's Council meeting agenda already includes a consent agenda item passing the resolution. Is there a point to tonight's hearing other than fulfilling a legal obligation? As I have before, I once again call on our electeds, both Administration and councilmembers, to honor their sworn oaths to serve the public. That concludes my comments at tonight's sham public hearing.

Public Hearing Solid Waste Collection Fees City of Poughkeepsie Nov 21, 2022
Naomi Brooks, S. Grand Avenue

My first, overall comment, is that if this local law amendment was discussed during a Common Council meeting, I couldn't find it online. I see that tonight it will be under a *consent* agenda, which means the public can't hear what issues may have been raised, who raised them, and if and how they were resolved. Therefore I may be bringing up points that have already been discussed, which is a frustrating misuse of your time and mine. **In response, Counsel Valk stated that Dr. Martinez presented the change at the Oct 3 CC meeting. I re-watched that presentation; the only changes he covered were quarterly bills (vs. single bill with quarterly payments due), late fees, and online payment options. None of the language changes I discuss below were covered either during his presentation nor were any discussed at the subsequent Oct 17 CC meeting before opening this public hearing.*

But here we are, so:

It sounds like the annual determination of fees is set in the yearly budget, proposed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council. I couldn't tell if the budget also includes specifics covering sections (f), for-profit and section (g) not-for-profit property owners. The proposed amendment removes separate Common Council approval of those two fee schedules, so I am hoping the actual formula of volume and time requirement is included in the city budget. Having it there would continue to provide a way for the Common Council to exercise shared authority, which is how our government model has been described. One typo in the last sentence of section (f) says "collegian" instead of "collection".

Late fees currently listed on the website say 10%, but does not say if they accrue monthly or annually. The change to 2% per month brings the late fees' *annual* rate substantially higher than owners may be expecting. I brought this point up when the property tax late fees were changed. In that case, owners who had been paying quarterly property tax were now charged interest if they didn't pay monthly, and the interest rates resulted in a much higher annual fee and an unpleasant surprise.

Liens on unpaid fees now have the addition of the word "may" under enforcement. It is unclear if that means the enforcement is at someone's discretion and perhaps will *not* be enforced? Or does it mean the lien "shall" be enforced? The language should be clear. **Clarification at the Nov 21 meeting indicated liens could not be enforced on tax-exempt properties. Language should be changed to include this exception, instead of having the nebulous word "may".*

Exemptions for enhanced STAR or low-income owners – my question is the same about the fees list under for-profit and non-profit owners. Are the actual dollar amounts or formula spelled out in the city budget?

Was an exemption for veterans discussed?

Why aren't these exemption qualifications and formulas, late fee structures, and lien processes for all three types city billings - that is, property, water/sewer, and sanitation - be the same? Is this amendment moving towards that goal? It is very confusing to find out different rules apply for different bills.

And finally, owners who occupy one unit of a two or three family residence where the other units are vacant will be paying the same fees as a single-family residence, based on certification by the Commissioner and an inspection. This doesn't seem like a good use of our resources, especially if that certification occurs once a year – one moment in time - likely not accurately assessing the occupancy rate of such buildings over the course of a full year. Is this truly such a common occurrence in a city with a housing crisis? Why has this exemption been included?

Thank you once again for the time you spend sharpening and modifying our city laws.

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on the proposed introductory Local Law Amending Section 9-68 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code
Entitled "Solid Waste Collection Fees"*

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Public Hearing ended at 6:26pm.

Dated: November 30, 2022

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on November 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain**



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is November 21, 2022, and the time is 6:30 pm.

I. ROLL CALL: 8 present, 0 absent

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Common Council Meeting – November 7, 2022

**Motion to accept the minutes: Councilmember Long
2nd: Councilmember Thompson**

III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any items not listed on the printed agenda.

Chamberlain Davis: -YES-

ADD:

CONSENT AGENDA

IX: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. R-22-85, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for the Proposed 2023 Budget for the City of Poughkeepsie**
- 2. R-22-87, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Regarding a Local Law Amending Chapter 18 ½ of the City Code of Ordinances Entitled “Waterfront Consistency Review”**

REMOVE:

CONSENT AGENDA

X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

- 2. LL-22-03, Local Law Amending Section 9-68 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code Entitled “Solid Waste Collection Fees”**

WALK ON RESOLUTION R-22-86 BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST APPOINTING NATASHA CHERRY AS COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE

**RESOLUTION
R-22-86**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK, DEICHLER, LONG, AND MENIST:

WHEREAS, the Common Council is comprised of nine (9) members, one elected at-large citywide and one elected from each of the eight wards in the city (Charter Section 2.01); and

WHEREAS, a vacancy occurred in the position of councilmember-at-large upon the resignation of Sarah Salem on September 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the membership of the common council shall be filled pursuant to Charter Section 2.08(b); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council solicited resumes from interested residents and interviews of potential candidates occurred on October 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to make an appointment to the vacancy in the position of councilmember-at-large.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Common Council hereby appoints the following individual to serve in the position of councilmember-at-large in accordance with Charter Section 2.08 (b).

Natasha Cherry

R-22-86						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **Michael Butts – 7 Lown Ct.**
- **Frank Flowers – 12 S. Clover St.**
- **Nick Kalogris – 14 Maryland Ave.**
- **Catherine Coughlin**
- **Jamar Cummings – 7th Ward Resident**
- **Ziar Ali – 166 Academy St.**
- **Mark Lehman – 1397 Second Ave. Ste. 117 NYC**
- **Darrett Roberts – 140 Franklin St. & Linda Bartee – 73 Garden St.**
- **Pat Miller – 26 Vassar St.**
- **Ken Levinson – 24 Garfield Pl. – submitted written comments**
- **Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave. – submitted written comments**
- **Liz O’Raffity – 295 Mill St.**
- **Caitlin Munchich – 16 Grand St.**
- **Freddy Thompson – 3 Hook Rd.**
- **Sarah Inoa – Fulton Ave.**
- **Gus Kazolias – Noxon St.**

(INSERTED SUBMITTED COMMENTS FOLLOWING)

Common Council Meeting; November 21, 2022

My name is Ken Levinson and I live at 24 Garfield Place, in the city of Poughkeepsie. I'd like to share my views on the proposed \$5 Million ARP money which a group of folks called "For the Many" is proposing spending on tenant's rent and taking it away from other pressing issues in the City of Poughkeepsie budget.

I am firmly against this proposed misappropriation of funds. As a local landlord you'd think I would favor getting rent funds from the city. And it would help me financially. But it's wrong, it's against improving the City of Poughkeepsie, and it's against all financial common sense.

Here's why: There are already existing programs that help tenant's pay for rent. (1) The state of New York still has active an Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) which was initially funded by the federal government's \$46.5 Billion dollar rental assistance program. This ERAP is still active in New York State and has received additional funding from Albany. Why spend City of Poughkeepsie budget dollars on items still funded by the state? (2) Other local p[rograms including Hudson River Housing, Community Action Program, Catholic Charities and STEPH program help pays arrears rent for tenants in Poughkeepsie. (3) There are other agencies that offer permanent rental assistance to Poughkeepsie renters including Section 8, Gateway, Peoples Inc., Pathstone, Rural Opportunities, HRH, etc. In fact I have had 4 tenants qualify for Section 8 assistance this year. Clearly there are existing programs to provide arrears rental assistance and other programs that permanently subsidize rent.

Second, by taking \$5 million out of the budget of the City of Poughkeepsie, we hurt the city's finances. Specifically the city has had a budget deficit for multiple years. Last year the deficit was \$2.8 Million dollars. This deficit impacts our ability to borrow money and raises the cost of interest on our municipal bonds. We should use this money to balance the budget and build our infrastructure. Paving the roads, repairing the sidewalks, pruning the trees, funding youth programs and restoring our city parks are all good causes. If the infra structure is deteriorating, we lose our ability to attract new residents.

In summary, taking away \$5 Million from the City of Poughkeepsie budget which serves nearly 35,000 residents by duplicating already existing programs to help a few tenant's pay rent is not for the many, it's for the few. The majority of proponents of this proposal are not City of Poughkeepsie residents, but a political group that has been seen in Peekskill, Kingston and Albany. We need to serve the city residents and not a political organization. Taking \$5 million from our precious budget does not help the majority of our city residents. Thank you.

Mail body: Fwd: The American Rescue Plan Act Use of Funds

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Donna Levinson** <donnalevinson@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 2:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: The American Rescue Plan Act Use of Funds
To: Kenneth Levinson <kenlevinson@gmail.com>

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From: **Donna Levinson** <donnalevinson@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 9:29 PM
Subject: The American Rescue Plan Act Use of Funds
To: Evan Menist <EMenist@cityofpoughkeepsie.com>, NATASHA Cherry <Natasha.cherry510@gmail.com>, Lorraine Johnson <llj617@gmail.com>

Dear Council Members:

I am emphatically against using American Rescue Plan Act funds for housing. This funding presents a rare opportunity to make *"strategic investments in long lived assets"* as stated in the *GFOA American Rescue Plan Guiding Principles*.

Please consider the following:

- 1.) Funding individuals is *a recurring* expense and does not insure the *"long term value of investments and financial stability of [our] government"*. Investing in our infrastructure (downtown business district, sewage system, water system and parks etc.) would.
- 2.) The following organizations are responsible and **currently provide funding for housing in the City of Poughkeepsie:**

Section 8

Rural Opportunities

Hudson River Housing

Emergency Rental Assistance Plan (ERAP), funding for households affected by Covid and shutdowns

The Community Action Plan

STEPH Program

Mental Health America

Gateway

People Inc.

Catholic Charities

Pathstone

- 3) ARSP funds have been granted for projects that are long term, non-recurring **and will affect all residents, not a chosen few.**
- 4.) The City of Poughkeepsie has provided assets (property and pilots) more than any other community in Dutchess County designed to house the needy.
- 5.) *The proposed action would represent a dereliction of duty and responsibility as Council Members charged with distributing this funding.*

Thank you for reconsidering this poor use of funding. Please follow the government guidelines.

Sincerely,
Donna Levinson
2nd Ward

There's so much dysfunction in this City, its Administration and on this Common Council that it's hard to know where to start:

—Council meeting agendas and/or packets are often changed, while the packets are always posted in an unsearchable graphic format, the changes are never redlined, and sometimes the changes are not even posted in advance and only announced once the meeting is underway, a repeated violation of Open Meetings Law requirement that public bodies make available to the public the records scheduled to be discussed during open meetings prior to those meetings.

—I fought for the Mayor's comments to be reinstated after Sarah Salem tossed them from the agenda, yet the Mayor has repeatedly chosen absence these past few months.

—I submitted a Freedom of Information (FOIL) request concerning the Council Chair vacancy. Not a single councilmember has yet replied, with the exception of Megan Deichler who replied with deception rather than information, and set illegal conditions for a further response.

—City Administrator Nelson, soon to be Mayor, dismisses me as a so-called "frequent FOILER", while he and other City players consciously delay FOIL disclosure, and/or entirely ignore and refuse to respond, violating multiple aspects of the law and undermining the information's immediate and future relevance.

—At the October 17 Council meeting, Corporation Council Valk recited the Charter section on the Council's obligation to submit written comments concerning redistricting maps. Not one councilmember did that. Evan Menist has acknowledged being in possession of an unknown number of councilmember comments, as well as a letter written by Josh Simons of the Benjamin Center, yet withheld and never delivered any of these documents to the redistricting commission, including the material he referenced on his own phone at the October 17 meeting.

—Multiple threads about the new trash cans have sprung up on the NextDoor app, but only a proxy for a councilmember, and not a single councilmember, has posted a reply.

How is it that the Council can break the law by ignoring Freedom of Information requests at the same time that one or more of their members leaks information on the very same subjects to online sources? Self-service much? Contempt for the public much?

How is it that a walk-on resolution to fill the Council Chair vacancy was predicted for tonight's meeting, while neither a line item nor a resolution appeared in the published agenda and packet? Why did people like Sarah Brannen and others lobby the Council behind closed doors, but didn't have the integrity to speak up at a Council meeting and put their positions and lobbying on the record? I've said this before and I'm saying it again, councilmembers should wear your colors to these meetings, so the public can see which Council faction you belong to.

Why are Evan Menist and Megan Deichler acting tonight as pay-for-play shills for a lobbying organization, while providing zero documentation in the Council packet? Let me give a partial answer to that by quoting the lobbyist's expectations, directly from their own website: "We elect representatives who will fight for us inside the halls of power and organize our communities on the outside to hold them accountable." Recently, these same lobbyists—who are distinctly for themselves, while not trusting the many—have dominated public comments with a crusade about a document they refuse to circulate. Megan Deichler even had the brass to be quoted in one article as saying "she has yet to see opposition to the legislation". Why would she see opposition when not a single source—neither Deichler, nor other electeds, nor the lobbyists themselves—have made the legislation public, and Deichler herself doesn't interact with or inform her constituents?

The housing crisis in this city, and in this region, is hardly new. It's been many years in the making. But like so many other things that come and go on the Council agenda—used only as opportunities for grandstanding without further action—short-term rentals were on the Council's agenda in early 2021. Where were the lobbyists then? Where are they at Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings? Where were they when Evan Menist sat silent as Luckey Platt apartments were converted from affordable to so-called market rate? Where were they when the exclusionary Innovation District zoning was introduced? or the Comprehensive Plan? or Natalie Quinn's current self-selected, self-serving zoning subcommittee? Where, too, were all the councilmembers, who weren't concerned then, but are overflowing with crocodile tears now? I find myself at a loss for words in expressing my disgust and dismay at the failure of communication, transparency and public service being provided by this City's electeds.

Common Council meeting, November 21, 2022
Naomi Brooks, S. Grand Avenue

In the recent past, we were a city that limped along without a Development Director. Our application of planning and zoning laws and concepts devolved into a scattershot approach. We became known as a place insiders knew how to navigate, but newcomers felt thwarted at every turn. People shied away from investing their money in projects here. There was neither clear vision nor clear guidelines, and we certainly weren't up to date with the newest research on best practices in urban planning.

Now we have a Development Director, and a series of large and important revisions to our city charter. With this guidance, the pieces are all coming together in an exciting way, and there's an influx of new projects and new developers eager to be involved. Updates to our Comprehensive Plan, Zoning map and codes, and revisions to local laws have all helped to move us into a new chapter in our evolution. One of the last major pieces is our Waterfront Plan, and it has been in the works for years.

I urge you to, at the very least, read the 6 pages of the Executive Summary in the November 18 document available on the city website <https://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/392/Project-Documents> and make sure you are using View Track Changes to see the latest round of refinements to the plan. With the approval of this plan and the incorporation of the next round of feedback from the NY Department of State, we can move forward with the redevelopment of the southern waterfront at the Delaval site.

Please make your comments and concerns about this very important document known in a future Common Council meeting *before* we have a public hearing on this local law and waterfront plan. Those comments will serve as guidance to the general public, deepening our understanding of the process of how this almost 300-page document is revised to best serve our city.

Let's make sure we get these final steps in the best shape they can be so they reflect our shared goals, celebrate our city's history, and encourage residents and visitors to enjoy and appreciate the gift of our Hudson River waterfront.

Davis, Jasmin N.

From: Nelson, Marc
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 9:33 AM
To: Cherry, Natasha; Natasha Cherry
Cc: DG_Common Council; Taylor, John; Martinez, Brian; Penney, John; Davis, Jasmin N.; Valk, Rebecca A.
Subject: The Academy - Tax Status

Good morning Natasha –

A question arose after a commenter at Public Comment last meeting indicated that this property was marked “wholly exempt”.

City Assessor John Taylor has confirmed that the property is on a PILOT approved by the IDA.

All PILOTs are reflected in the electronic systems as “wholly exempt”, despite the fact that payments in lieu of taxes are required under the terms of the PILOT.

Additional public inquiries should be directed to Mr. Taylor at 845-451-4039.

Thank you.

Marc

Jasmin, for clarity - please include this email as part of the record for the previous council meeting.

V. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chairwoman Cherry: I am going to just say that we will be releasing tomorrow a notice seeking candidates for the six ward council member position. And we will have you will have ten days to respond. All applicants must be a member of the Sixth Ward. Those details will be in the posting and we will make a selection before the 30 days. So if you're interested in assuming the unexpired term for the rest of 2023 for the Sixth Ward, we will be calling for resumes.

Also, I want to thank many council members for Thanksgiving giveaways. I'll start with Councilmember Long and her not for profit. Positive. Positive about possibilities. That's a lot. That's a mouthful. But she donated about 75 turkeys to the school district and on Friday we were able to serve over 100 families.

I want to give a shout out to the city of Poughkeepsie Fire Department, because they provided all the fixings, including potatoes, stuffing, cornbread and vegetables. Also, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus because they are also serving an additional 50 families from our district with hot meals.

I want to thank Frankie Flowers for his efforts because we want to give the number. I don't know. But he ordered, A thousand for well, Poughkeepsie local and, you know, I just want to recognize all these efforts because it really does take a village.

And during this holiday season, regardless of what you celebrate, this is usually a most difficult time for many people, especially mental. Many people suffering from mental illness. Many people who have lost loved ones. So I would just like to encourage everyone just to just to be a little more empathetic and kind during these next couple of months, because this is a very difficult time for a lot of people.

And I am going to forego my comments because we do have some students here and everyone knows I'm an educator and I know students have school tomorrow, so we don't want them to wait till 930 to present. But oh, one more thing.

I want to congratulate Administrator Nelson. He'll be our mayor come January. And I want to point out to members of the public, I think this is be the first time that we have a Democratic mayor and a fully Democratic council. It's kind of unique. So it's going to be an interesting ride. But I just want to point that out, that administrator Nelson is a Democrat and congratulations. And we look forward to working with you.

City Administrator Nelson: And right back at you, at you chair. You and I have worked together for a long time now and looking forward to it. And thank you to all the council members for the calls of support. It's going to be a great year. Thank you.

Chairwoman Cherry: And just to be clear, although we are going to be a fully democratic body, you know, we have we will make sure that we are making bi partisan decisions for the best interests of all our residents. I just want to be very clear about that, that we have to take all residents concerns and interests at heart. But I just wanted to point it out, because when I said that incoming mayor is a Democrat, a lot of eyebrows raised. But I just wanted to put it on the record that it was that some people are surprised.

So we have a group from Oakwood Friends School. You can start coming up and this project was under chair Salem, so I don't have much detail, but I do know that they developed a community fridge and they came in today to tell us about it and present.

So we're looking forward to hearing about this project. Thank you so much.

4. A PRESENTATION FROM OAKWOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL STUDENTS,
Regarding a Community Fridge at Adriance Memorial Library

**5. A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS DEICHLER &
MENIST,** Regarding Airbnb in the City of Poughkeepsie

~~VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS~~

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

~~VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:~~

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Chairwoman Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

- 1. R-22-85, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for the Proposed 2023 Budget for the City of Poughkeepsie**

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-85)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN CHERRY_____:

WHEREAS, the Common Council has received the Mayor's proposed 2023 budget for the City of Poughkeepsie and the budget message from the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie Administrative Code section 14.04 requires that upon such receipt, the Common Council shall set a public hearing thereon, giving the public notice of at least ten (10) days in the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie is desirous of setting such public hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie shall hold a public hearing to receive comment from the public concerning the proposed 2023 budget on **Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm** in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York and the Chamberlain is hereby directed to publish proper notice of the above hearing.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER_____.

R-22-85 – VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

2. **R-22-87**, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Regarding a Local Law Amending Chapter 18 ½ of the City Code of Ordinances Entitled “Waterfront Consistency Review”

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-87)**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 18 ½ OF THE
CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “WATERFRONT
CONSISTENCY REVIEW”**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN CHERRY_____ :

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 18 ½ , OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “WATERFRONT CONSISTENCY REVIEW” be and hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft Local Waterfront Redevelopment Program dated November 18, 2022, which further enumerates policies identified within the introduced Local Law, is also introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid proposed Local Waterfront Redevelopment Program is available to the Council and the public on the City’s website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law to receive comment from the public on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6 pm in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

R-22-87 – VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒	Accepted	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐
☐	Defeated	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐
☐	Tabled	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐
		Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐
		Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐
		Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐
		Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐
		Chairwoman Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐

X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

- O-22-07**, Ordinance Amending §13-172 Of Chapter 13 of The City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances Entitled “Motor Vehicles And Traffic” - Dutcher Place

ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-172 OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

(O-22-07)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

SECTION 1: §13-172 is hereby amended by the following addition:

Section 13-172 One-way streets designated.

The following streets or parts of streets are hereby designated one-way streets; and when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, no vehicle shall pass over said streets except in the direction indicated:

Dutcher Place from Smith Street to Bement Ave, except in an easterly direction.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____:

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underline and Bold**

0-22-7 – VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XIII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS DEICHLER & MENIST**, Regarding Airbnb in the City of Poughkeepsie – *moved*
- 2. A COMMUNICATION FROM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR QUINN**, Regarding a Local Law Amending Chapter 18 ½ of the City Code of Ordinances Entitled “Waterfront Consistency Review” – *moved to Consent Agenda*
- 3. A PRESENTATION FROM THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**, Final Report and Recommendations of the 2022 Redistricting Commission
- 4. A PRESENTATION FROM OAKWOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL STUDENTS**, Regarding a Community Fridge at Adriance Memorial Library – *moved*

A motion was made to defer the below communication/petition to Corporation Counsel by Councilmember Thompson and was seconded by Councilmember Deichler.

5. **FROM RITA LOMBARDI**, a notice of personal injury sustained on August 18, 2022.
6. **FROM NOVELETT WILLIAMS**, a notice of personal injury sustained on September 19, 2022.
7. **FROM RAECHAL DUNCAN**, a notice of property damage sustained on October 31, 2022.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Deichler to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm.

Dated: November 30, 2022

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, November 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain