

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE PLANNING BOARD  
WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 AT THE  
NEW HARTFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT, 4 OXFORD ROAD,  
NEW HARTFORD AT 6:00 PM**

1. Mayor Ryan opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Donald J. Ryan, Trustee Andrew N. Alesia, Trustee David W. Butler, Trustee William Freiberger III, and Trustee Richard C. Sherman

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman James Crumrine, Member Bernadette DiMeo, Member Jennifer Logue, and Member Dick Fountain

**OTHERS:** Gustave DeTraglia, Kathy Briggs, Sarah Dobson, Mike Kulik, Joseph Salerno II, Sandip Patel and Joe Falcone

**ABSENT:** Barbara Goodman

**VISITORS:** See attached

2. Trustee Freiberger introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Sherman:

**RESOLUTION 2024-47**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does hereby approve the addition of a Cyber Security insurance policy with coverage of \$1 million for a premium of \$1,150.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Butler	Aye
Trustee Freiberger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

3. The public was given the opportunity to address the Boards. Comments and concerns brought up were as follows:
  - Resident concerned with the idea of a hotel in the Village. Stated a hotel does not fit the idea of an ideal Village.

- A resident voices that the residents and their wants/concerns come before the hotel developers.
- One resident expressed that they have felt spoken down to and ignored regarding their comments.
- One resident advised that the requested rendering were provided. They stated that they will be looking into the 4<sup>th</sup> floor windows or cedar trees.
- A resident stated they will be on display in their back yard.
- One resident suggested the area is not appropriate for a hotel.
- A resident advised the addition of a hotel is not fair to the residents. A hotel will change the Village.
- One resident asked the attendees if they want voucher residents in their Village. They would like the community to remain the same.
- Resident stated that the addition of a hotel is not any worse than what is currently there or has previously been there. When the concrete plant was open it created dust and noise. Anything put in that area would be an improvement.
- Resident stated the negative outweigh the positives.
- Not a feasible location.
- Resident said it will erase the charisma and historical background of the Village.
- No other neighboring Villages have hotels.
- Families and corporate employees staying in the hotel will not want to look into backyards.
- One longtime Village resident made mention to all the previous business and buildings that used to be in Village such as several gas stations, auto repair shops, other 4 story buildings, and large businesses employing 100+ people.
- A resident in attendance spoke about the difficulty of booking area hotels as there is not enough room.
- A resident spoke regarding concerns of school kids walking to Byrne Dairy.
- A resident would also like the developers to ask input from the residents as to what they would like to see in the empty lot.
- One resident agreed with the needs of additional hotels in the area and said they loved the look and concept of the proposed hotel just not in the spot they are trying to put it in.
- Resident said the Village and County tax base will benefit from hotel.
- Area businesses need customer to remain open and hotel will bring those people to the area to spend money.
- Traffic concerns should be mitigated once the construction has been completed.
- One resident requested reports showing occupancy rates that have been discussed. The developers advised that he would share the documents however anyone wishing to see reports would need to sign a NDA as the reports contain proprietary information.
- The Planning Board advised that the approval being voted on is for **conceptual** plans only. Once concept is approved there are still several steps and approvals that need to be completed before a final vote for approval is made.

- A resident questioned the amount of parking available. The Planning Board responded that based on conceptual plans submitted, adequate required parking is available.
- Residents brought up the idea of allowing proposal to be voted on during a Village wide vote. Attorney DeTraglia was unsure if referendum would qualify in this instance but would check into it.

Upon motion by Member Fountain, seconded by Member DiMeo, the Planning Board voted upon roll call in regards to approving the conceptual plans submitted for proposed hotel:

Member DiMeo	Aye
Member Fountain	Aye
Member Logue	Aye
Chairman Crumrine	Aye

The vote was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

Trustee Alesia introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Sherman:

**RESOLUTION 2024-48**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does hereby approve the conceptual plans submitted for proposed hotel at 101 N. Butler Place.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Butler	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	No
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Butler introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Sherman:

**RESOLUTION 2024-49**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does hereby approve adjourning the Special Meeting of the Village Board and Planning Board at 7:00 pm.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Butler	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Dobson  
Village Clerk

Name	Address	Speak
Stephen MORAN		✓
Patricia McHarris	80 Genesee St.	
Pam McHarris	80 Genesee St	
Kate Achen	1 Bonnie Ave NH	✓
Jon Purdy	96 Oxford Rd	
Colleen Tambura	11 Napfman Rd	
Tina Klas	3 Woodland Rd.	✓
Mike Klas	3 Woodland Rd.	
Dean Kelly	9 Glen St	✓
Mandy Moylan		
Carol Dreimiller	8 Overbrook Circle	
Dan Dreimiller	8 Overbrook Circle	
M Bowen	-	
BOB HAMLIN	5 Overbrook Cres	
Lori Hamlin	3 Galway Rd	
Deanna Hameline	21 Pearl	
Dave & Doreen Reynolds	15 Pearl St	
Carol Ryan	63 Pearl St.	
Bill & ANGELA WOODEN	84 CLINTON RD	
G & Tara Rubitski	2513 SUNSET AVE	
MITCHELL FORD	45 WILLS DR	
Elizabeth Pattergill	118 Genesee St.	
Marianne McCall	118 Genesee St	

Name	Address	Speak
Mary Schepse	4 Colonial Dr	
James Prudigant	10 Woodland Rd	
Jan + Barbara Swatwout	82 Geneva St.	
Nancy Siglio	28 Bohling Rd.	
Rich Adams	140 Bailey - New My	
Judy "	↓	
Ben Kinne	WIS TV	
JOE FALCOVE	Hotel -	
B Burton	104 Paris Rd.	
st S. Craven - Griffiths	66 Paris Rd	
EMMA KANSU	68 PARIS Rd	
Michelle KANSU	68 PARIS Rd	
Shirley - Griffiths	66 Paris Rd	
Dennis Fewell	4 Francis Rd	
MICHELLE + SCOTT HOLBROOK	11 Woodland Rd	✓
Don + Sharon Groat	15 Bonnie Cove	✓
Lynn Klepfer	34 Ct. Knolle	
THOMAS Couiello	33 Ct Knolle	
Bill Skinner	23 Bohling Rd	✓
Mary Jo Burr	23 Bohling Rd	
Susan Wilder	12 Woodland	
Brad Wilder	12 Woodland	
ERIC SCOMA	3 Craig Ave	✓
Mary MacEnroe	15 Bohling Rd	
Sarah Cheney	13 Bohling Rd	
Sandip Patel	141 New Harvard St	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Speak</u>
Annette Thompson	70 Oxford Rd,	
Rakesh Patel	9 Crestwood Ter. N.H.	
Vincent <del>Parsons</del>	32 Taber Rd. NH	
Mary McGuire	18 Blackburn Ct NH	
JOSH GAGNON	95 OXFORD RD, NH	
ERIN GAGNON	95 OXFORD RD, NH	
Kalpek Patel	8163 Seneca Trke, NH.	
Bob Corr	4 Champion Rd	
Louis Tehen	17 Champion Rd	